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File: USPT

May 30, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6069952

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6069952 A

TITLE: Data copyright management system

DATE-ISSUED: May 30, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Momiki; Shunichi	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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DATE FILED: September 29, 1995

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JP	6-264199	October 27, 1994
JP	6-269959	November 2, 1994

INT-CL: [7] H04K 1/00, H04L 9/08

US-CL-ISSUED: 380/4; 380/21

US-CL-CURRENT: 705/57; 380/279

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 380/4, 380/21

REF-CITED:

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<u>5369702</u>	November 1994	Shanton	380/4
<u>5410602</u>	April 1995	Finkelstein et al.	380/21
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<u>5636277</u>	June 1997	Nagahama	380/4
<u>5646999</u>	July 1997	Saito	380/25
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ART-UNIT: 276

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Laufer; Pinchus M.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Sayadian; Hrayr A.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Armstrong, Westerman, Hattori, McLeland & Naughton

ABSTRACT:

A data copyright management system comprises a database for storing original data, a key control center for managing crypt keys, copyright management center for managing data copyrights, and a communication network for connecting these sections. Data supplied from the database to users is encrypted and distributed. The users decrypts the encrypted data by crypt keys obtained from the key control center or copyright management center. To supply data to users, there are the following two methods: a one-way supplying of encrypted data to users by means of broadcasting or the like; and two-way supplying of encrypted data to users corresponding to users' requests. A crypt key system used for encrypting data uses a secret-key cryptosystem, a public-key cryptosystem or a cryptosystem combining a secret-key and a public-key and further uses a copyright control program to control data copyrights. When a user stores, copies, or transfers data, the data is encrypted by a crypt key different from a crypt key used for supplying the data. The former crypt key is supplied from the key control center or from the copyright management center, or generated by the copyright control program. The present invention can be applied to a data copyright management system for using not only single data but also a plurality of data supplied from a single database or a plurality of data supplied from a plurality of databases. Further, an apparatus to be used by the user to perform data copyright management is proposed.

24 Claims, 10 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Origin	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	ABC	Draw Desc	Image
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☐ 2. Document ID: US 5539658 A

L23: Entry 2 of 4

File: USPT

Jul 23, 1996

US-PAT-NO: 5539658

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5539658 A

TITLE: Electronic presentation system using portable storage media

DATE-ISSUED: July 23, 1996

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
McCullough; Timothy L.	Mahtomedi	MN	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company	St. Paul	MN	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 8/ 442012

DATE FILED: May 16, 1995

INT-CL: [6] H04N 7/15

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/514A; 348/12

US-CL-CURRENT: 345/329; 348/12

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/514C, 364/514A, 359/148, 348/12, 348/13, 395/600

REF-CITED:

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>4939509</u>	July 1990	Bartholomew et al.	N/A
<u>5191410</u>	March 1993	McCalley et al.	348/13
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ART-UNIT: 244

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Voeltz; Emanuel T.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Peeso; Thomas

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Griswold; Gary L. Kirn; Walter N. Levinson; Eric D.

ABSTRACT:

A method of facilitating electronic presentations using portable storage media. An array of images to be displayed to an audience is converted into a database and stored on the presenter's computer hard drive. A copy of the image database is transferred to a portable storage medium, such as a personal computer (PC) card, which is then inserted into a display device such as a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel equipped to accept a PC card. When the presenter selects which image is to be displayed to the audience, the selection is communicated to the LCD panel which displays the corresponding image in the database copy on the PC card for viewing by the audience. The present invention also includes a system for giving electronic presentations.

10 Claims, 1 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Jul 3, 1990

US-PAT-NO: 4939668

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4939668 A

TITLE: System for designing intercommunications networks

DATE-ISSUED: July 3, 1990

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Brown; George T.	Apalachin	NY	N/A	N/A
Millis; David B.	Friendsville	PA	N/A	N/A
Reynolds; Paul R.	Morrisville	NC	N/A	N/A
Nowak; Ronald P.	Endicott	NY	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
International Business Machines Corp.	Armonk	NY	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 7/ 089201

DATE FILED: August 24, 1987

INT-CL: [5] G06F 15/46

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/513; 364/468, 364/200, 364/275.6, 364/274.5, 364/900, 364/917.96, 364/972.3

US-CL-CURRENT: 706/59; 700/103, 706/919, 706/921

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/468, 364/512, 364/513, 364/191-193, 364/300, 364/2MSFile, 364/9MSFile

REF-CITED:

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<u>4591983</u>	May 1986	Bennett et al.	364/403
<u>4648044</u>	March 1987	Hardy et al.	364/513
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ART-UNIT: 236

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Ruggiero; Joseph

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Samodovitz; Arthur J. Bee; Richard E. Bouchard; John H.

ABSTRACT:

A system for designing an intercommunication network among a plurality of devices. The system includes a device for storing rules to meet design requirements and a mechanism connected to the device for storing rules in order to revise the rules dynamically. Also provided is a device for storing data and a mechanism connected to the device for storing data in order to revise the data. A requestor has the ability to access all rules and to revise a portion of the data. Moreover, a designer has the ability to access all rules and to revise another portion of the data, which portion has at least one subportion that cannot be revised by the requestor.

22 Claims, 32 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWC	Draw. Desc	Image
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☐ 4. Document ID: US 4928233 A

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File: USPT

May 22, 1990

US-PAT-NO: 4928233

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4928233 A

TITLE: System for providing three dimensional object descriptions

DATE-ISSUED: May 22, 1990

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Millis; David B.	Friendsville	PA	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
International Business Machines	Armonk	NY	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 7/ 088925

DATE FILED: August 24, 1987

INT-CL: [5] G06F 15/62

US-CL-ISSUED: 364/522; 364/521, 364/512

US-CL-CURRENT: 345/419

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/522, 364/521, 364/512, 364/518, 340/747, 340/750, 340/721, 340/731, 340/730, 340/729, 340/734, 340/724

REF-CITED:

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ART-UNIT: 231

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Harkcom; Gary V.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Nguyen; Phu K.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Levy; Mark Bee; Richard E.

ABSTRACT:

A system for producing human readable physical data in text form from geometric data in mathematical form that partially describes a three dimensional object. A first database is provided that contains geometric data in mathematical form representative of the shape

of the object. A second database contains physical data in text form. At least a portion of the data in the first database can be extracted and used as the basis for calculations of physical data in mathematical form, which can be converted into human readable physical data in text form. The resulting physical data can be merged with data from the second database to produce a complete geometric description in text of the object. The present invention also contemplates a mechanism for using empirical data with a knowledge based system. The knowledge based system can be used to modify the physical data to adapt geometric properties to a manufacturing process.

16 Claims, 32 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Sep 19, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6122630

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6122630 A

TITLE: Bidirectional database replication scheme for controlling ping-ponging

DATE-ISSUED: September 19, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Knapp; Herbert William	Wayne	PA	N/A	N/A
Holenstein; Bruce D.	Media	PA	N/A	N/A
Holenstein; Paul J.	Downington	PA	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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APPL-NO: 9/ 328257

DATE FILED: June 8, 1999

INT-CL: [7] G06F 17/30, G06F 7/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/8; 707/10, 709/238

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/8; 707/10, 709/238

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<u>5884328</u>	March 1999	Mosher, Jr.	N/A
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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Black; Thomas G.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Le; Uyen

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P.

ABSTRACT:

Transaction ping-pong is selectively prevented in a bidirectional database replication system. The system has a plurality of nodes connected via communication media in a topology. Each node includes a database and a transaction transmitter or collector which sends transactions posted to the database to a database at one or more other nodes for replication in the databases of the one or more other nodes. All transactions to be posted to databases in remote nodes that were sent by a local node are detected, and the database at the local node is inhibited from posting selective transactions which were detected as being originally sent by the local node.

99 Claims, 19 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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Sep 14, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5953662

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5953662 A

TITLE: Dual home location registers in a mobile radio system

DATE-ISSUED: September 14, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Lindquist; Jan	Aachen	N/A	N/A	DEX
Macdermott; Simon	Guildford	N/A	N/A	GBX
Medrano; Cuauhtemoc	Saltillo	N/A	N/A	MXX
Pavon; Gustavo	Plano	TX	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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APPL-NO: 8/ 640339

DATE FILED: April 30, 1996

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION This Application is related to a application for patent, Ser. No. 08/372,074, filed Jan. 12, 1995 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,623,532 issued Apr. 22, 1997.

INT-CL: [6] H04Q 7/22, H04Q 7/24, H04Q 7/36

US-CL-ISSUED: 455/433; 455/432, 455/435, 455/437, 455/560

US-CL-CURRENT: 455/433; 455/432, 455/435, 455/437, 455/560

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 455/432, 455/433, 455/435, 455/437, 455/408, 455/414, 455/412, 455/406, 455/550, 455/555, 455/554, 455/560, 455/453, 455/436

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<u>5289179</u>	February 1994	Beeson, Jr. et al.	340/826
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ART-UNIT: 276

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Chin; Wellington

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Ferguson; Keith

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C.

ABSTRACT:

A pair of home location registers (HLRs) are associated with each other by assigning two capability codes. A first capability code is utilized to provide system support by one of the HLRs whenever the other HLR fails. The second capability code is utilized to constantly update each other's database with the latest subscriber information. Whenever a particular HLR fails, the associated Signal Transfer Points (STPs) reroutes the incoming signals intended for that failed HLR to its mate HLR. The mate HLR compares the received signals' destination point code with its first capability code to determine whether it is allowed to process this signal. If there is a match, the mate HLR automatically and transparently processes the received signal without service interruption or delay. Whenever one of the HLRs receives a new subscriber data, the same data are communicated to the other HLR by using its second capability code as the destination address.

36 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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File: USPT

Aug 25, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5799322

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5799322 A

TITLE: System and method for stopping updates at a specified timestamp in a remote duplicate database facility

DATE-ISSUED: August 25, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Mosher, Jr.; Malcolm	Los Gatos	CA	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Tandem Computer, Inc.	Cupertino	CA	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 8/ 790542

DATE FILED: January 30, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08/761,725, now pending, filed Dec. 6, 1996, which was a continuation in part of application Ser. No. 08/704,111, filed Aug. 28, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,740,433, which was a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/377,152, filed Jan. 24, 1995, now abandoned.

INT-CL: [6] G06F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/202; 707/201, 707/204, 395/182.14

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/202; 707/201, 707/204, 714/16

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/201, 707/202, 707/204, 395/182.14

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lintz; Paul R.

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ABSTRACT:

A primary computer system has a database, application programs that modify the local database, and a transaction manager that stores audit records in a local audit trail reflecting those application program modifications to the local database. A plurality of parallel backup systems are used to provide "triple contingency protection" of the data on the primary computer system. However, if the primary system suffers a sudden catastrophic failure, the parallel backup systems will generally be left in inconsistent states. To restart the application programs on one of the backup system, the parallel backup are first synchronized with each other, and then transaction processing is restarted with one of the backup systems as the new primary system, and the other backup systems as the backups to the new primary system. In addition, in order to enable any single backup system's database to be brought into a self consistent state, backup volume Updaters are stopped after database updates for all transactions committed on the primary system before a specified time have been completely applied to the backup system's database. After any reports requiring a self consistent database have been generated, operation of the Updaters is resumed.

4 Claims, 47 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Method and system for selective incentive point-of-sale marketing in response to customer shopping histories

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Gabriel; Rodney G.	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Credit Verification Corporation	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A	02

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PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/139,983, filed Oct. 20, 1993 and entitled "Method and System for Selective Incentive Point-of-Sale Marketing in Response to Customer Shopping Histories", abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/096,921, filed Jul. 23, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/063,413, filed May 17, 1993, U.S. Pat. No. 5,621,817, which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/886,383, filed May 19, 1992, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/826,255, filed Jan. 24, 1992, abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/345,475, filed May 1, 1989, abandoned. This application also relates to U.S. application Ser. No. 07/885,649, filed May 19, 1992, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,237,620, issued Aug. 17, 1993; U.S. application Ser. No. 07/886,382, filed May 19, 1992, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,305,196, issued Apr. 19, 1994; U.S. application Ser. No. 07/886,385, filed May 19, 1992, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,201,010, issued Apr. 6, 1993; U.S. application Ser. No. 08/016,991, filed Feb. 10, 1993, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,327,508 issued Jul. 5, 1994; U.S. application Ser. No. 08/117,951, filed Aug. 30, 1993; U.S. application Ser. No. 08/134,071, filed Oct. 8, 1993; U.S. application Ser. No. 08/141,471, filed Oct.

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<u>4821186</u>	April 1989	Munakata et al.	364/405
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<u>4908761</u>	March 1990	Tai	364/401
<u>4910672</u>	March 1990	Off et al.	364/405
<u>4941090</u>	July 1990	McCarthy	364/405
<u>4949256</u>	August 1990	Humble	364/401
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<u>5053955</u>	October 1991	Peach et al.	364/401
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<u>5091634</u>	February 1992	Finch et al.	235/375
<u>5128520</u>	July 1992	Rando et al.	235/375
<u>5173851</u>	December 1992	Off et al.	364/401
<u>5179375</u>	January 1993	Dick et al.	340/825
<u>5185695</u>	February 1993	Pruchnicki	364/401
<u>5201010</u>	April 1993	Deaton et al.	382/7
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ART-UNIT: 235

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Harvey; Jack B.

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ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

ABSTRACT:

A system and method is disclosed for customer promotion. A terminal enters a customer's identification code, along with customer transaction data, at the point-of-sale. A memory stores a database of previously entered customer identification codes and transactions data. Circuitry is provided for generating a signal representative of a customer's shopping history, wherein incentive coupons may be issued to customers in dependence upon the signal.

17 Claims, 75 Drawing figures

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Credit Verification Corporation	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A	02

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<u>5201010</u>	April 1993	Deaton	382/7
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ART-UNIT: 235

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Harvey; Jack B.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Chung-Trans; Xuong

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

ABSTRACT:

A system and method is disclosed for customer promotion. A terminal enters a customer's identification code, along with customer transaction data, at the point-of-sale. A memory stores a database of previously entered customer identification codes and transactions data. Circuitry is provided for generating a signal representative of a customer's shopping history, wherein incentive coupons may be issued to customers in dependence upon the signal.

27 Claims, 72 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	kWOC	Draw Desc	Image
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Jun 24, 1997

US-PAT-NO: 5642485

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5642485 A

TITLE: Method and system for selective incentive point-of-sale marketing in response to customer shopping histories

DATE-ISSUED: June 24, 1997

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Deaton; David W.	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A
Gabriel; Rodney G.	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Credit Verification Corporation	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 8/ 458172

DATE FILED: June 1, 1995

PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/178,052, filed Jan. 4, 1994 and entitled "Method and System for Selective Incentive Point-of-Sale Marketing in Response to Customer Shopping Histories", which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/096,921, filed Jul. 23, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/063,413, filed May 17, 1993, pending, which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/886,383, filed May 19, 1992, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/826,255, filed Jan. 24, 1992, abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/345,475, filed May 1, 1989, abandoned.

INT-CL: [6] G06F 17/60

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/214

US-CL-CURRENT: 705/14

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 235/375, 235/381, 235/383, 395/214, 395/221

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>3959624</u>	May 1976	Kaslow	235/61.11E
<u>4109238</u>	August 1978	Creekmore	340/149A
<u>4554446</u>	November 1985	Murphy et al.	235/487
<u>4670853</u>	June 1987	Stepien	364/70
<u>4674041</u>	June 1987	Lemon et al.	364/401
<u>4723212</u>	February 1988	Mindrum et al.	364/401
<u>4748668</u>	May 1988	Shamir et al.	380/30
<u>4750119</u>	June 1988	Cohen et al.	364/401
<u>4791281</u>	December 1988	Johnsen et al.	235/383
<u>4821186</u>	April 1989	Munakata et al.	364/405
<u>4882675</u>	November 1989	Nichtberger et al.	364/401
<u>4908761</u>	March 1990	Tai	364/401
<u>4910672</u>	March 1990	Off et al.	364/405
<u>4941090</u>	July 1990	McCarthy	364/405
<u>4949256</u>	August 1990	Humble	364/401
<u>4982346</u>	January 1991	Girouard et al.	364/550
<u>5010485</u>	April 1991	Bigari	364/408
<u>5053955</u>	October 1991	Peach et al.	364/401
<u>5056019</u>	October 1991	Schultz et al.	364/405
<u>5091634</u>	February 1992	Finch et al.	235/375
<u>5128520</u>	July 1992	Rando et al.	235/375
<u>5173851</u>	December 1992	Off et al.	364/401
<u>5179375</u>	January 1993	Dick et al.	340/825
<u>5185695</u>	February 1993	Pruchnicki	364/401
<u>5201010</u>	April 1993	Deaton et al.	382/7
<u>5245533</u>	September 1993	Marshall	364/401
<u>5249044</u>	September 1993	Von Kohorn	358/86

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ART-UNIT: 235

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ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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16 Claims, 72 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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File: USPT

Jan 21, 1997

US-PAT-NO: 5596706

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5596706 A

TITLE: Highly reliable online system

DATE-ISSUED: January 21, 1997

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Shimazaki; Hiroyuki	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Mizoguchi; Masamichi	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
Yamasaki; Hajime	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Ogawa; Kazuaki	Osaka	N/A	N/A	JPX
Tanaka; Shinji	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Yano; Tatsushi	Abiko	N/A	N/A	JPX
Shimizu; Takatoshi	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Kouguchi; Yukio	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Yamashita; Tetsuo	Matsudo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Murabayashi; Satoshi	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
Suzuki; Nobuyuki	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
Watanabe; Yoshikuni	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
Nakagawa; Koichi	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
Fukagawa; Daisuke	Kashiwa	N/A	N/A	JPX
Ogino; Kouji	Ichihara	N/A	N/A	JPX

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Hitachi, Ltd.	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX	03
The Sanwa Bank Limited	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX	03

APPL-NO: 8/ 288584
DATE FILED: August 10, 1994

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/129,960, filed on Sep. 30, 1993, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,379,418, which was a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/660,633, filed on Feb. 25, 1991, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,307,481.

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

COUNTRY	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
JP	2-045433	February 28, 1990
JP	2-053695	March 7, 1990
JP	2-053696	March 7, 1990
JP	2-053697	March 7, 1990

INT-CL: [6] G06F 11/00
US-CL-ISSUED: 395/182.04; 395/182.06, 395/620
US-CL-CURRENT: 714/6; 707/204, 714/8
FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/575, 395/600, 395/625, 395/9.1

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>5060185</u>	October 1991	Naito et al.	N/A
<u>5123099</u>	June 1992	Shibata et al.	N/A
<u>5202980</u>	April 1993	Morita et al.	395/575
<u>5271013</u>	December 1993	Gleeson	371/9.1

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN-PAT-NO	PUBN-DATE	COUNTRY
61-196347	August 1986	JPX

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Nakagawa, et al., "Overview of New Banking System"--SANABAC III System of the Sanawa Bank, Ltd. Hitachi Hyoron, pub., vol. 70 No. 3, pp. 19-26.

ART-UNIT: 243

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Canney; Vincent P.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fay, Sharpe, Beall, Fagan, Minnich & McKee

ABSTRACT:

A highly reliable online system is disclosed which is provided with a backup computer center (sub-online system) in addition with an original computer center (main online system) in order to improve the reliability of the online system. With respect to the database, the main online system is provided with an original database (main database) while the sub-online system is provided with a backup database (sub-database) which is a duplicate of the main database. The main online system and the sub-online system are connected through a transmission path. Information on an update performed in the main database is transferred to the sub-online system through the transmission path to thereby update the sub-database in a manner similar to the main database. Terminal units are normally connected to the main online system, wherein the main database is updated by transactions inputted from the terminals. When a failure occurs in the main online system, the terminals are changed over to be connected to the sub-online system to allow transaction processing to be continued. Further, there are provided a control system for synchronizing contents between the main database and the sub-database when the original computer center is changed over to the backup computer center, a recovery system for recovering the main database or the sub-database from failures and an integration system for integrating both the main database and the sub-database when they are independently updated due to a failure in the transmission path or the like.

10 Claims, 39 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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File: USPT

Jan 3, 1995

US-PAT-NO: 5379418

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5379418 A

TITLE: Highly reliable online system

DATE-ISSUED: January 3, 1995

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Shimazaki; Hiroyuki	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Mizoguchi; Masamichi	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
Yamasaki; Hajime	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Ogawa; Kazuaki	Osaka	N/A	N/A	JPX
Tanaka; Shinji	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Yano; Tatsushi	Abiko	N/A	N/A	JPX
Shimizu; Takatoshi	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Kouguchi; Yukio	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Yamashita; Tetsuo	Matsudo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Murabayashi; Satoshi	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
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Ogino; Kouji	Ichihara	N/A	N/A	JPX

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NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Hitachi, Ltd.	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX	03
The Sanwa Bank Limited	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX	03

APPL-NO: 8/ 129960

DATE FILED: September 30, 1993

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 07/660,633, filed on Feb. 25, 1991.

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

COUNTRY	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
JP	2-045443	February 28, 1990
JP	2-053695	March 7, 1990
JP	2-053696	March 7, 1990
JP	2-053697	March 7, 1990

INT-CL: [6] G06F 15/21

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/575; 371/9.1, 371/11.3

US-CL-CURRENT: 714/11; 714/20

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/575, 371/9.1, 371/11.3

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>5060185</u>	October 1991	Naito et al.	N/A
<u>5123099</u>	June 1992	Shibata et al.	N/A

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Nakagawa, et al., "Overview of New Banking System-SANABAC III System of the Sanawa Bank, Ltd. Hitachi Hyoron", pub., vol. 70 No. 3, pp. 19-26.

ART-UNIT: 233

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7 Claims, 39 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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☐ 10. Document ID: US 5307481 A

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File: USPT

Apr 26, 1994

US-PAT-NO: 5307481

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5307481 A

TITLE: Highly reliable online system

DATE-ISSUED: April 26, 1994

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	CODE	COUNTRY
Shimazaki; Hiroyuki	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX
Mizoguchi; Masamichi	Yokohama	N/A	N/A	JPX
Yamasaki; Hajime	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
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Hitachi, Ltd.	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX	03
The Sanwa Bank Limited	Tokyo	N/A	N/A	JPX	03

APPL-NO: 7/ 660633

DATE FILED: February 25, 1991

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

COUNTRY	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
JP	2-045443	February 28, 1990
JP	2-053695	March 7, 1990
JP	2-053696	March 7, 1990
JP	2-053697	March 7, 1990

INT-CL: [5] G06F 15/21

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/575; 371/9.1, 371/11.3

US-CL-CURRENT: 714/11

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 371/9.1, 371/10.1, 371/11.2, 371/11.3, 371/8.1, 371/8.2, 395/575

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
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<u>5123099</u>	June 1992	Shibata et al.	371/10.1

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN-PAT-NO	PUBN-DATE	COUNTRY
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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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1 Claims, 39 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Dec 28, 1993

US-PAT-NO: 5274802

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5274802 A

TITLE: Method for restoring lost databases by comparing existing database and generic database, and generating cellular switch commands to update the generic database

DATE-ISSUED: December 28, 1993

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Altine; Phillip	Spring	TX	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
GTE Mobilnet Incorporated	Atlanta	GA	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 7/ 659192

DATE FILED: February 22, 1991

INT-CL: [5] G06F 15/40

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/600; 379/59, 379/60, 364/222.3, 364/283.4, 364/974.4, 364/919.4, 364/DIG.1, 364/DIG.2, 455/33.1, 455/33.2, 371/8.1, 395/575

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/202; 455/560, 714/6

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/DIG.1, 364/DIG.2, 395/600, 395/575, 379/59, 379/60, 371/7, 371/8.1, 455/33.1, 455/33.2

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>4153931</u>	May 1979	Green et al.	395/600
<u>4479196</u>	October 1984	Ferrar et al.	395/600
<u>4646229</u>	February 1987	Boyle	395/600
<u>4887265</u>	December 1989	Felix	370/94.1
<u>4916691</u>	April 1990	Goodman	370/60
<u>4958368</u>	September 1990	Parker	379/91

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"EMX Operator's Input Message Manual System Recent Change Commands", EMX vol. 3, Book 2, pp. 5-205, 5-207 i-74, Motorola Inc, 1987.

ART-UNIT: 237

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lee; Thomas C.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Lintz; Paul

ABSTRACT:

An improved method is disclosed for automatically updating databases contained in the random access memory and tape storage of a cellular switch. First, instructions are issued to a cellular switch, causing the switch to provide a first output of one or more operative databases contained in the random access memory of the switch. Then, one or more backup databases are loaded into the random access memory of the switch, and instructions are issued to the switch causing the switch to provide a second output of the backup databases. The first and second outputs are then analyzed by a computer program, and in response to the analysis the program automatically assembles a number of cellular switch compatible software commands into a text file. Finally the text file is transmitted to the switch, thereby updating databases contained in the random access memory and the tape storage of the switch.

3 Claims, 8 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	RMC	Draw Desc	Image
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☐ 12. Document ID: US 5201010 A

L8: Entry 12 of 13

File: USPT

Apr 6, 1993

US-PAT-NO: 5201010

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5201010 A

TITLE: Method and system for building a database and performing marketing based upon prior shopping history

DATE-ISSUED: April 6, 1993

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Deaton; David W.	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A
Gabriel; Rodney G.	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
Credit Verification Corporation	Abilene	TX	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 7/ 886385

DATE FILED: May 19, 1992

PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 07/826,255, filed Jan. 24, 1992, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 07/345,475, filed May 1, 1989, now abandoned.

INT-CL: [5] G06K 9/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 382/7; 382/1

US-CL-CURRENT: 382/139; 382/305

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 235/375, 235/379, 235/380, 235/381, 235/383, 235/385, 235/487, 340/825.33, 340/825.34, 364/401, 364/408, 379/91, 902/4, 902/5, 902/6, 382/1, 382/7, 382/9, 382/48

REF-CITED:

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>Re30579</u>	April 1981	Goldman et al.	340/149R
<u>Re30580</u>	April 1981	Goldman et al.	340/149R
<u>2995727</u>	August 1961	Quade	N/A
<u>3316536</u>	April 1967	Andrews et al.	N/A
<u>3465289</u>	September 1969	Klein	N/A
<u>3528058</u>	September 1970	Bond	N/A
<u>3535682</u>	October 1970	Dykaar et al.	N/A
<u>3576539</u>	April 1971	Huber	340/152
<u>3605092</u>	September 1971	Richard	340/146.3C
<u>3629829</u>	December 1971	Ordower	340/146.3Q
<u>3786421</u>	January 1974	Wostl et al.	340/149A
<u>3833885</u>	September 1974	Gentile et al.	340/152R
<u>3876981</u>	April 1975	Welch	340/146.3D
<u>3914789</u>	October 1975	Coker et al.	360/2
<u>3941977</u>	March 1976	Voss et al.	235/61.7B
<u>3987411</u>	October 1976	Krukklitis et al.	340/146.3C
<u>4015701</u>	April 1977	Templeton	197/127R
<u>4027142</u>	May 1977	Paup et al.	235/61.9R
<u>4053735</u>	October 1977	Foudos	235/61.9R
<u>4053737</u>	October 1977	Lafevers et al.	235/61.11D
<u>4063070</u>	December 1977	DeLarue et al.	235/474
<u>4087789</u>	May 1978	Beery	340/146.3C
<u>4088879</u>	May 1978	Banka et al.	235/449
<u>4107653</u>	August 1978	Krukklitis	340/146.3C
<u>4109238</u>	August 1978	Creekmore	235/379
<u>4127770</u>	November 1978	Baader	235/474
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<u>5091634</u>	February 1992	Finch et al.	235/375

ART-UNIT: 266

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Couso; Jose L.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Baker & Botts

ABSTRACT:

A method and system is disclosed for performing targeted marketing on infrequent shoppers. A check reader is provided for automatically reading the MICR code of a plurality of checks drawn on a plurality of different banking institutions. Circuitry detects the customer's checking account number in the MICR code of the checks. A terminal enters data relating to the customer's shopping habits. A database of the store's customers is created in response to the check reader, circuitry for detecting, and terminal. The selection is then made of a list of customers from the database who have not shopped at the store since a preselected date.

41 Claims, 41 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Dec 8, 1992

US-PAT-NO: 5170480

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5170480 A

TITLE: Concurrently applying redo records to backup database in a log sequence using single queue server per queue at a time

DATE-ISSUED: December 8, 1992

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Mohan; Chandrasekaran	San Jose	CA	N/A	N/A
Obermarck; Ronald L.	Redwood City	CA	N/A	N/A
Treiber; Richard K.	San Jose	CA	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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APPL-NO: 7/ 411729

DATE FILED: September 25, 1989

INT-CL: [5] G06F 15/40, G06F 15/417, G06F 12/00, G06F 12/16

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/600; 395/575, 395/250, 364/282.1, 364/285.3, 364/DIG.1, 371/8.1, 371/29.1, 371/16.5

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/201; 711/115, 714/16, 714/20

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/200, 364/900, 395/800, 395/600, 395/575, 395/250, 395/650, 371/8.1, 371/29.1, 371/16.5

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<u>4710870</u>	December 1987	Blackwell et al.	364/200
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Design Considerations in Replicated Database Systems for Disaster Protection, Jim Lyon, 1988 IEEE, pp. 428-430.

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ART-UNIT: 232

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Anderson; Lawrence E.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Shah; Alpesh M.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Baker, Maxham, Jester & Meador

ABSTRACT:

Change processing of a replica database is accomplished by separating redo records obtained from the transaction log of a primary database into respective queues. The redo records are separated such that all transaction records for a unit of transfer (page) of the primary database are placed on the same queue in log sequence. Each queue is linked exclusively to one of a plurality of parallel queue servers. Each queue server applies to the replica database the redo records in the queues which it exclusively serves. The replica database is thereby made consistent with the primary data by a lock-free updating

5 Claims, 4 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw. Desc	Image
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EPO Abstracts Database
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IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletins

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USPT	heterogeneous database	104	<u>L7</u>
USPT	15 and attribute same copy	1	<u>L6</u>
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USPT	11 and different databases	43	<u>L3</u>
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USPT	heterogeneous databases or heterogenous databases	118	<u>L1</u>

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File: USPT

Jan 18, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6016394

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6016394 A

TITLE: Method and system for database application software creation requiring minimal programming

DATE-ISSUED: January 18, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 8/ 932255

DATE FILED: September 17, 1997

INT-CL: [6] G06F 9/445

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/701

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/701, 707/103, 364/282.1, 345/356, 345/334

REF-CITED:

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ART-UNIT: 272

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Hafiz; Tariq R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Das; Chameli Chaudhuri

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Kirton & McConkie Krieger; Michael F.

ABSTRACT:

A system and method for computer-assisted database management software creation of a target software application from a description known as a dictionary interoperating with a universal software application. The dictionary contents customize the universal application into the target software application created from a high-level dialog between an application designer and a graphical application editor. The application editor provides an environment for editing and creating custom applications and automatically creates security partitioning of responsibilities and users, hierarchical menu structures, groupings of database data elements into efficient sets, database transactions and database partitioning without requiring programming in SQL language by an application designer. The computer stores the dictionary in a database for accessing by the universal application. The dictionary customizes the re-usable universal application for interaction with relational databases such as Oracle.RTM., IBM.RTM. DB2, and Sybase.RTM..

27 Claims, 11 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KMC	Draw Desc	Image
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File: USPT

Dec 28, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 6009422

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6009422 A

TITLE: System and method for query translation/semantic translation using generalized

query language

DATE-ISSUED: December 28, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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APPL-NO: 8/ 980156

DATE FILED: November 26, 1997

INT-CL: [6] G06F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/4; 707/10

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/4; 707/10

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/4, 707/10, 707/102, 395/200.3, 395/200.31, 395/200.32, 395/200.33, 395/200.47, 395/200.48, 395/200.49

REF-CITED:

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Black; Thomas G.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Loomis; John C.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Redmond, Jr.; Joseph C. Meyers; Steven J. Morgan & Finnegan, LLP

ABSTRACT:

An information retrieval system and method translates a single search request or query across heterogenous databases independent of the database search grammar(s). A client uses a process to express the query in a powerful programming language, i.e., Generalized Query Language (GQL) which has a wide variety of operators to precisely specify the conditions of the query and enable a fused response to be provided by the databases to the query. The process translates the query into phrases contained in a GQL and constructs a complex search query which bridges the gap between the query and the low level of functionality provided in search engines associated with the databases. A search broker receives the GQL query and using a process (i) checks for syntax errors; (2), if correct, parses the complex query into individual search or partial queries and associated logical operations, and (3) forwards the partial queries and operations to the database search engines. Each search engines translates the partial queries into database search grammar for searching purposes and retrieves search information in the form of a "HitList" related to the query. Each search engines combines the "HitList" in accordance with the operations associated with the partial queries and any constraints specified in the query to generate a search result having a format common in appearance with other search engine results which serves as a fused response from the heterogenous databases.

20 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Mar 3, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5724575

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5724575 A

TITLE: Method and system for object-based relational distributed databases

DATE-ISSUED: March 3, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Schurenberg; Kurt	Roswell	GA	N/A	N/A
Daigle; Richard A.	Atlanta	GA	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 8/ 674024

DATE FILED: July 1, 1996

PARENT-CASE:

This is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/202,493, filed Feb. 25, 1994, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,560,005.

INT-CL: [6] G06F 17/30, G06F 15/163

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/610; 395/614, 395/200.09

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/10; 707/103, 709/205, 709/217

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/610, 395/614, 395/615, 395/200.03, 395/200.09

REF-CITED:

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<u>5317742</u>	May 1994	Bapat	395/680
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<u>5426747</u>	June 1995	Weinreb et al.	395/413

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M. Ozsu et al., "Distributed Data Management: Unsolved Problems and New Issues" (published in T. Casavant et al., Readings in Distributed Computing Systems (IEEE Comp. Soc. Press 1994)).

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Videotape, Barbara Liskov, "Thor: An Object-Oriented Database System," The Distinguished Lecture Series VII (Nov. 29, 1993).

ART-UNIT: 236

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Heckler; Thomas M.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Jones & Askew, LLP

ABSTRACT:

An object-based relational distributed database system and associated methods of operation that transforms data stored in a plurality of remote, heterogeneous user databases into a homogeneous data model is disclosed. Data stored in distributed, heterogeneous user database structures is homogenized by mapping into object attributes of predetermined instances of objects forming to a conceptual model that relates the various heterogeneous databases. The object attributes are stored in remote databases at client sites, which can be separate computer systems from the heterogeneous user databases or separate processes running on a computer system that maintains the heterogeneous user databases. The system stores location information and status information relating to the homogenized data in a centralized object broker for object management, thereby facilitating location and retrieval of data items from one or more of the remote, heterogeneous user databases.

118 Claims, 32 Drawing figures

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US-PAT-NO: 5560005

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5560005 A

TITLE: Methods and systems for object-based relational distributed databases

DATE-ISSUED: September 24, 1996

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
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Miller; Barrick H.	Marietta	GA	N/A	N/A
Schurenberg; Kurt	Roswell	GA	N/A	N/A
Daigle; Richard A.	Atlanta	GA	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
ActaMed Corp.	Atlanta	GA	N/A	N/A	02

APPL-NO: 8/ 202493

DATE FILED: February 25, 1994

INT-CL: [6] G06F 17/30, G06F 15/163

US-CL-ISSUED: 395/600; 364/DIG.1, 364/283.4, 364/228, 364/275, 364/284.4

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/10

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 395/200.03, 395/200.09, 395/200.1, 395/600, 395/700

REF-CITED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
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X. Jia et al., "Highly Concurrent Directory Management in the Galaxy Distributed System", Proc. 10th Int'l Conf. Distributed Computing Systems, IEEE Computer Society Press, 1990, pp. 416-423.

D. Cheriton et al., "Decentralizing a Global Naming Service for Improved Performance and Fault Tolerance", ACM Trans. Computer Systems, vol. 7, No. 2, May 1989, pp. 147-183.

Videotape, Barbara Liskov, "Thor: An Object-Oriented Database System", The Distinguished Lecture Series VII (Nov. 29, 1993).

ART-UNIT: 236

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Heckler; Thomas M.

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ABSTRACT:

An object-based relational distributed database system and associated methods of operation that transforms data stored in a plurality of remote, heterogeneous user databases into a homogeneous data model is disclosed. Data stored in distributed, heterogeneous user database structures is homogenized by mapping into object attributes of predetermined instances of objects forming to a conceptual model that relates the various heterogeneous databases. The object attributes are stored in remote databases at client sites, which can be separate computer systems from the heterogeneous user databases or separate processes running on a computer system that maintains the heterogeneous user databases. The system stores location information and status information relating to the homogenized data in a centralized object broker for object management, thereby facilitating location and retrieval of data items from one or more of the remote, heterogeneous user databases.

85 Claims, 32 Drawing figures

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PLEASE LOGON:

***** HHHHHHHH SSSSSSSS?

Status: Signing onto Dialog

ENTER PASSWORD:

***** HHHHHHHH SSSSSSSS? *****

Welcome to DIALOG

Status: Connected

Dialog level 00.07.20D

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Logon file001 25sep00 13:17:46

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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF DATA CONSTRUCTS, SUCH AS
 OBJECT-ORIENTED OBJECTS, AMONG PROCESSES

PROCEDES ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT DE DISTRIBUER DES STRUCTURES DE DONNEES,
 TELLES QUE DES OBJETS ORIENTES OBJETS, DANS DES TRAITEMENTS

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English Abstract

A method of distributing a data constructs, such as an object- oriented programming "object", includes transmitting to the processes (12-16) a message that identifies the selected data construct and that identifies its type. That type can constitute the name of a data construct manager, or object manager (30), that can be executed within each process (1, 2, 3) to create, destroy or access and update (68, 70) a local copy of a corresponding data construct. The method further includes responding, e.g., within each of the processes (12-16), to the message by invoking a data construct manager (30) that corresponds to the "type" identifier in the message. The data construct manager (30) is used to access a data construct that is associated with (e.g., local to) the respective process and that corresponds to the data construct identified in the message.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un procede de distribution de structures de donnees, telles qu'un objet de programmation oriente objet, consistant a emettre un message, qui identifie la structure de donnees selectionnee et son type. Ce type peut constituer le nom d'un gestionnaire de structure de donnees, ou un gestionnaire objet (30) pouvant etre execute dans chacun des traitements (1, 2, 3), afin de creer, detruire, acceder ou mettre a jour (68, (70) une copie locale d'une structure de donnees correspondante. Le procede consiste egalement a repondre, par exemple dans chaque traitement (12, 16), au message en demandant un gestionnaire de structure de donnees (30) correspondant a l'identificateur de type dans ledit message. Le gestionnaire de structure de donnees (30) permet d'accéder a une structure de donnees qui est associee (locale) au traitement respectif et qui correspond aux structures de donnees identifiees dans le message.

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... office, as well. Thus, the Indian manufacturing site of a multinational corporation may utilize a different release of a database management package than the Taiwanese site.

One solution to this problem is provided in United...attribute by the other processes). If the user application also changes the value of the attribute COST in the copy of object ENGINE associated with process 12,

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OBJECT TO RELATIONAL DATABASE MAPPING INFRASTRUCTURE IN A CUSTOMER CARE AND BILLING SYSTEM

INFRASTRUCTURE POUR MISE EN CORRESPONDANCE D'OBJETS AVEC UNE BASE DE DONNEES RELATIONNELLE DANS UN SYSTEME DE SOINS ET DE FACTURATION CLIENTS

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English Abstract

A system that uses an object to relational database mapping infrastructure to map C++ objects and their relationships to and from a relational database. The mapping is facilitated by mapping files which describe an object and how the object corresponds to a table in the database. Overflow tables are provided in the database when an object is associated with more than a predetermined number of other objects, such as two. A C++ reflection layer allows access to attributes and methods of C++ objects at run-time by name. Mapped data is also memory buffered during the transferring of data to and from the database.

French Abstract

La presente invention concerne un systeme utilisant une infrastructure de mise en correspondance de base de donnees relationnelle pour etablir des correspondances entre des objets C++ et les relations que ceux-ci ont avec une base de donnees relationnelle. La mise en correspondance est facilitee par des fichiers de correspondances qui decrivent un objet et la facon dont ces objets correspondent avec une table de la base de donnees. La base de donnees comporte des tables de debordement des qu'un objet est associe a plus d'un nombre determine d'autres objets, deux par exemple. Une couche de reflexion C++ permet d'acceder par le nom a des attributs et a des methodes concernant les objets C++ pendant l'execution. Les donnees mises en correspondance peuvent etre egalement geres par memoire tampon pendant le transfert de donnees avec la base de

donnees.

Fulltext Availability:
Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... used to indicate whether the pointer is NULL. If the related object can be of different classes, an additional database column containing the class identifier is used. This provides ORDMI with the ability to handle...of the Primitive Node object extracting the attribute from the object and the field object copying the attribute to the buffer area. The buffer is then written to the database if it is...

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DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION MODEL AND MANAGEMENT COMPUTING SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREFOR

MODELE DYNAMIQUE D'ORGANISATION ET SYSTEME DE PRISE EN COMPTE INTEGREE; METHODE D'UTILISATION

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English Abstract

The present invention provides a dynamic organizational database as an underlying information system to support collaborative computing in a global enterprise (58). This information system is built based on the Organizational Modeling and Management model (OMM) (90) and provides a system architecture (Fig. 8) and a graphical user interface (Fig. 10) for easy manipulation of organizational objects (70). Contrary to traditional approaches (38), the present invention separates the organization model (42) from the process model (44), the application model (36) and the data model (32). Thus, independent and flexible enterprise modeling and design is allowed to reflect more realistically a rapidly changing business environment.

French Abstract

La presente invention concerne un base de donnees organisationnelle dynamique sous forme de systeme informatique sous- jacent pour la gestion comptable integree dans une entreprise globale (58). Base sur une modelisation organisationnelle et sur un modele de gestion (OMM) (90), ce systeme informatique procure une architecture systeme (figure 8) et une interface graphique utilisateur (figure 10) qui facilitent la manipulation d'objets organisationnels (70). Contrairement aux methodes classiques (38), la presente invention distingue le modele Organisation (42) des modeles Processus (44), Applications (36) et Donnees (32). Ainsi, grace a des systemes de modelisation et de conception independants et souples de l'entreprise, il est possible de repercuter les evolutions de l'environnement commercial plus rapidement et de facon plus realiste.

Fulltext Availability:
Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... together or to further divide their organizations.

The present invention can utilize any type of database schema. The different vertical 3o and horizontal partitions of the enterprise correspond naturally to database tables. It is...s information is archived, but is still retrievable. The fact that the present invention provides different stages gives the database the opportunity to handle the information differently than in the prior art. As the data... object types in Table 1:

Definition Manipulation

Organization create, delete show, merge
Member create, delete, copy get, set, move Attribute create, delete, show (dis)associate Attribute Value none get, set Virtual Link create, delete resolve...

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OBJECT SELECTION ACROSS MULTIPLE PROCESSES
SELECTION D'OBJETS PAR DES PROCEDES MULTIPLES

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English Abstract

In a method managing data in an object-oriented environment, a common selected object is referenced across multiple processes with the aid of a suitable protocol.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un procede de gestion de donnees dans un environnement oriente objets. Selon ce procede, un objet selectionne commun est reference par de multiples procedes a l'aide d'un protocole approprie.

Fulltext Availability:

Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... a database to provide

-5 data for display to the operator, the interface to the database will be different for each sub-system.

The drawing functionality is implemented in C. Database accesses specific t...by this object Concurrency: sequential Prototype: BOOL canSave(void)

Description: whether the initial value is different than the database value, application can determine whether a save operation can safely proceed without overwriting changes Concurrency...

...Prototype: virtual BOOL GetAttr(char * attrName, int * attrValue)=0

Description: method will retrieve a single attribute from the local copy of this object data, this method will be overloaded based on the type of data...

...Prototype: virtual BOOL SetAttr(char * attrName, int attrValue)=0

Description: method will set a single attribute into the local copy of this object data, this method will be overloaded based on the type of data...

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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATABASE APPLICATION SOFTWARE CREATION REQUIRING MINIMAL PROGRAMMING

PROCEDE ET SYSTEME DE CREATION DE LOGICIEL D'APPLICATION POUR BASE DE DONNEES REQUERANT UNE PROGRAMMATION MINIMALE

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English Abstract

A system and method for computer-assisted database management software creation of a target software application from a description known as dictionary (106) interoperating with universal software application (108). Dictionary (106) contents customize universal application (108) into target software application (100) created from a high-level dialog between an application designer and graphical application editor (104). Application editor (104) provides an environment for editing and creating custom applications and automatically creates security partitioning of responsibilities and users, hierarchical menu structures, groupings of database data elements into efficient sets, database transactions and database partitioning without requiring programming in SQL language by an application designer. The computer stores dictionary (106) in a database for accessing by universal application (108). Dictionary (106) customizes re-usable universal application (108) for interaction with relational databases such as Oracle®, IBM® DB2, and Sybase®.

French Abstract

La presente invention concerne un systeme et un procede de creation de logiciel de gestion de base de donnees assiste par ordinateur d'une application logicielle cible a partir d'une description connue sous forme de dictionnaire (106) fonctionnant avec une application logicielle universelle (108). Le contenu du dictionnaire (106) personnalise l'application universelle (108) en une application logicielle cible (100) creee a partir d'un dialogue de niveau eleve entre un concepteur d'application et un editeur (104) d'application graphique. L'editeur (104) d'application fournit un environnement permettant de creer et d'editer des applications personnalisees. L'editeur cree automatiquement un partitionnement de securite des responsabilites et des utilisateurs, des structures hierarchiques de menu, des groupages d'elements de donnees de base de donnees en ensembles efficaces, des transactions de base de donnees et un partitionnement de base de donnees sans qu'un concepteur d'application ait recours a une programmation en langage SQL. L'ordinateur stocke le dictionnaire (106) dans une base de donnees de sorte qu'une application universelle (108) p eut y acceder. Le dictionnaire (106) personnalise une application universelle (108) reutilisable de facon a interagir avec une base de donnees relationnelle telle qu'Oracle®, IBM® et Sybase®.

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Claim

... dimensions for analysis, drill down to see the details behind any total, look at multiple attributes of the data, copy an analysis for side-by-side visual analysis, transfer analysis information into an industry-standard...systems, generally requires astute manual programming. Data mover module 230 facilitates movement of data across

different database designs, heterogeneous databases , access methods, or file systems located within a network. Data mover module 230 also facilitates...

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FILE DIRECTORY AND FILE NAVIGATION SYSTEM
REPERTOIRE DE FICHIERS ET SYSTEME D'EXPLORATION CORRESPONDANT

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TT UA UG US UZ VN YU GH KE LS MW SD SZ UG ZW AM AZ BY KG KZ MD RU TJ TM
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English Abstract

The parallel virtual directory system (12) can extend the native file system (8) to provide a superior method for organizing a computer system's physical storage devices or locations. These can include hard disks and removable media or remote storage locations such as on Internet. Interceptor modules (2) can monitor all file or memory changes such as creation, writes and deletes to the native file system and can pass this information to the parallel virtual directory system. The parallel virtual directory system may be accessed through the native file system methods allowing users to view their file system as it existed at any point of time, including removable media that is no longer present in the system. The parallel virtual file system may be implemented using database technology allowing multiple views of the file system for an easier navigation through it. Further, a set of management processes (3) can run at the application level providing data management services such as backup, archiving, and recording.

French Abstract

Le systeme de repertoire virtuel parallele (12) de la presente invention permet de developper le systeme de fichiers natif (8) d'un systeme informatique de maniere a en faire un outil perfectionne d'organisation

des dispositifs ou emplacements de stockage physique dudit systeme. Ces dispositifs peuvent notamment etre des disques durs, des supports amovibles ou des emplacements eloignes, par exemple sur Internet. Des modules intercepteurs (2) peuvent controler tous les changements de fichiers ou de memoires du type creation, ecritures et suppressions affectant le systeme de fichier natif et ils peuvent transmettre ces informations au systeme de repertoire virtuel parallele. On peut acceder a ce dernier en utilisant les procedes d'accès au systeme de fichiers natif qui permettent aux utilisateurs de visualiser leur systeme de fichiers tel qu'il se presentait a tout instant, et notamment les supports amovibles qui ne sont plus presents dans le systeme. Ledit systeme virtuel parallele peut etre mis en oeuvre au moyen d'une technologie de base de donnees autorisant de multiples vues du systeme de fichiers aux fins de simplification de la navigation. En outre, un ensemble de processus de gestion (3) peut tourner au niveau application pour assurer des services de gestion de donnees du type sauvegarde, archivage et enregistrement.

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... monitored (648), then the virtual directory system can access the new storage medium (620), and copy the file attribute data for the directory structure to the virtual directory (628). If the media is known ...might be elin-dnated or arranged in different orders. Furthermore, subsequent sorts can establish the database into a variety of different combinations or groupings. Hence, the configuration command sequences could group a single virtual directory into...

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A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

SYSTEME, PROCEDE ET PRODUIT MANUFACTURE POUR L'ARCHITECTURE D'UN SYSTEME DE COMMUNICATION

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Telephone calls, data and other multimedia information is routed through a hybrid network which includes transfer of information across the internet. A media order entry captures complete user profile information for a user. This profile information is utilized by the system throughout the media experience for routing, billing, monitoring, reporting and other media control functions. Users can manage more aspects of a network than previously possible, and control network activities from a central site.

French Abstract

Des appels telephoniques, des donnees et autres informations multimedias sont achemines par un reseau hybride capable egalement de transmission de donnees par l'Internet. Une rubrique d'ordonnancement des supports utilise en mode exclusif des informations completes de profils utilisateurs concernant un meme utilisateur. Ces informations de profils sont utilisees par le systeme, pendant toute la duree active du support, a des fins d'acheminement, de facturation, de surveillance, de compte-rendu et autres fonctionnalites de gestion de supports. Les utilisateurs peuvent ainsi gerer un plus grand nombre de fonctionnalites reseau et gerer des activites reseau depuis un site central.

Fulltext Availability:

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Detailed Description

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F. Video Operator Shared Database 306

1. Database Schema 306

G. Video Operator Console Graphical ...specified view of the local copy of data;

- Insert, Update, or Delete of the local copy of data; o Synchronize subscribed data with the dbServer; and o Expiration notifications from dbServer...

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SECURE TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT AND ELECTRONIC RIGHTS PROTECTION

SYSTEMES ET PROCEDES DE GESTION DE TRANSACTIONS SECURISEES ET DE PROTECTION DE DROITS ELECTRONIQUES

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English Abstract

The present invention provides systems and methods for electronic commerce including secure transaction management and electronic rights protection. Electronic appliances such as computers employed in accordance with the present invention help to ensure that information is accessed and used only in authorized ways, and maintain the integrity, availability, and/or confidentiality of the information. Secure subsystems used with such electronic appliances provide a distributed virtual distribution environment (VDE) that may enforce a secure chain of handling and control, for example, to control and/or meter or otherwise monitor use of electronically stored or disseminated information. Such a virtual distribution environment may be used to protect rights of various participants in electronic commerce and other electronic or electronic-facilitated transactions. Secure distributed and other operating system environments and architectures, employing, for example, secure semiconductor processing arrangements that may establish secure, protected environments at each node. These techniques may be used to support an end-to-end electronic information distribution capability that may be used, for example, utilizing the "electronic highway".

French Abstract

La presente invention concerne des systemes et des procedes de commerce electronique comprenant une gestion de transactions securisees et la protection de droits electroniques. Des appareils electroniques tels que des ordinateurs utilises conformement a la presente invention contribuent a assurer que l'accès aux informations et l'utilisation des informations ne se font que par des voies autorisees et ils maintiennent l'integrite, la disponibilite et/ou la confidentialite des informations. Des sous-systemes securises utilises avec ces appareils electroniques constituent un environnement de distribution virtuel (VDE) reparti pouvant faire valoir une chaine securisee de traitement et de commande, par exemple, pour commander et/ou mesurer ou encore controler l'utilisation d'informations memorisees ou disseminees electroniquement. Cet environnement de distribution virtuel peut etre utilise pour proteger les droits de divers participants dans le commerce electronique et dans d'autres transactions electroniques ou dans lesquelles intervient l'electronique. Des environnements et des architectures de systemes repartis securises et autres systemes d'exploitation emploient, par exemple, des arrangements de traitement a semi-conducteurs securises

pouvant etabliir des environnments proteges securises a chaque noeud. On peut utiliser ces techniques pour apporter un soutien a une capacite de distribution d'informations electroniques de bout-en-bout pouvant etre utilisees, par exemple, en empruntant l'"autoroute electronique".

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... and reference/record keeping information resources (such as business, medical, legal, scientific, governmental, and consumer databases).

Electronic rights protection provided by the present invention will also provide an important foundation for...appliance usage, including electronic credit and/or currency mechanisms for payment means; (3) Secure distributed database means for storing control and usage related information (and employing validated compartmentalization and tagging schemes...may be automatically made, either through a clearinghouse, or directly, to different content providers for different potions.

enable flexible metering of, or other collection of information related to, use of electronic...also, under VDE (if allowed by senior control information), collect audit information reflecting usage of database fields by different individuals and client organization departments and ensure that differing rights of access and differing budgets... distributed product such as accepting distributor charges for content use and agreeing to observe the copyright rights of the creator. A third agreement might exist between the distributor and a financial... appropriate "rules -and controls," content and its associated "rules and controls" may be distributed at different times, in different ways, by different VDE participants. The ability of VDE to securely distribute and

-168 enforce "rules and controls...106 and the content creator 102 may be the same person, or they may be different people. For example, a musical performing group may act as both content creator 102 and...will in the future be) delivered. "Rules and controls" may be delivered over a path different from the one used for content delivery. "Rules and controls" may also be delivered at...programs 608, objects 300 containing

-201 VDE controlled property content and related information, and management database 610 that stores both information associated with objects and VDE control information. ROS 602 includes...small appliance that typically has low levels of usage by one user may LMplement a database service using very different techniques than a very large appliance with high levels of usage by many users. This...a component assembly 690(k) showing Figure 11I. These same components can be combined in different ways (e.g., with more or less components) to form different component assemblies 690 providing...not be " mountable.- In this case, a LOAD call will make a connection to a database manager 7--~0 and ensure that records are readable, An OPEN c -all may create... translate between the two schemes, a SRN reference may be replaced with a VDE ID database reference wherever it occurs, Similarly, VDE IDs that are used as indices or references to...e.g., through gateway 734) to cause the SPE to obtain appropriate information from secure database 610, generate appropriate database items, and store the database items into the secure database 610 and/or provide them in encrypted,

protected form to...

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AN AUTOMATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING INFORMATION
BETWEEN DATABASES IN ORDER TO CONTROL AND PROCESS COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEME ET PROCEDE DE COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATISES POUR LE TRANSFERT
D'INFORMATIONS ENTRE DES BASES DE DONNEES A DES FINS DE COMMANDE ET DE
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English Abstract

An automated communications system operates to transfer data, metadata, and methods from a provider computer (1) to a consumer computer (2) through a communications network (3). The transferred information controls the communications relationship, including responses by the consumer computer (2), updating of information, and process for future communications. Information which changes in the provider computer (1) is automatically updated in the consumer computer (2) through the communications system (3) in order to maintain continuity of the relationship. Transfer of metadata and methods permits intelligent processing of information by the consumer computer (2) and combined control by the provider and consumer of the types and content of information subsequently transferred.

French Abstract

Cette invention se rapporte a un systeme de communications automatise qui sert au transfert de donnees, de metadonnees et de procedes a partir d'un ordinateur fournisseur (1) a destination d'un ordinateur consommateur (2) par l'intermediaire d'un reseau de communications (3). Les informations transferees commandent la relation de communication, y compris les

reponses par l'ordinateur consommateur (2), la mise a jour des informations et des operations de traitement en vue des communications futures. Les informations qui changent dans l'ordinateur fournisseur (1) sont automatiquement mises a jour dans l'ordinateur consommateur (2) par l'intermediaire du systeme de communications (3), afin de maintenir la continuite de la relation. Le transfert des metadonnees et des procedes permet un traitement intelligent des informations par l'ordinateur consommateur (2) et une commande combinee par le fournisseur et le consommateur des types et du contenu des informations ulterieurement transferees.

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... information contained in the provider database can be transferred and used in communications relationships with different consumers. The provider database includes information associating the information with each potential recipient. The association information is used to...to the existing information to determine what has been updated. The consumer program maintains a database of information from different providers. When updated information is received, the consumer program executes instructions associated with the information...scheduled event loop of the consumer or provider program.

FIG. 17 Illustrates the object oriented database structures for different communications object types.

FIG. 18 illustrates object oriented data structures used for distribution control.

FIG...communications object are the equivalent of URLs within a Web document. They create associations between different elements of an object, different pages of an object, or different communications objects. A link element can also be a URL, linking the element to any... of the type definition 144 for each required or desired attribute to automatically identify and copy these attributes from elements 143 in the provider database I I to elements 143 in the directory...

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STRUCTURED FOCUSED HYPERTEXT DATA STRUCTURE

STRUCTURE DE DONNEES HYPERTEXTE ARTICULEE SUR LA STRUCTURATION

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English Abstract

A hypertexted data structure (3/16) stored on a computer readable memory device and organized in a hierarchy of at least two levels, the data structure comprising: a plurality of data units (18-20) positioned at different levels in the hierarchy each containing at least some textual information (23) and a plurality of hypertext links (1) each linking at least part of the textual information in a given source data unit to a target data unit; wherein at least one of the hypertext links (1) is linked to at least one hypertext node (34) which contains information relating at least to both the given source data unit and the target data unit from which the relative positions in the hierarchy of the given source and target data units linked by the hypertext link may be determined.

French Abstract

La presente invention concerne une structure de donnees en format hypertexte (3/16) stockees dans une memoire lisible par ordinateur et organisee selon une hierarchie comportant au moins deux niveaux. Cette structure de donnees est constituee, d'une part de plusieurs unites de donnees (18-20) se placant a differents niveaux de la hierarchie, chacune de ces unites de donnees contenant au moins quelques donnees textuelles (23), et d'autre part, d'un jeu de liens hypertexte (1), chacun de ces liens reliant au moins une partie de l'information textuelle d'une unite de donnees origine specifique a une unite de donnees cible. L'un au moins des liens hypertexte (1) est relie a l'un au moins des noeuds hypertexte (34) qui contient des donnees se rapportant au moins a la fois a l'unite de donnees origine specifique et a l'unite de donnees cible a partir de laquelle il est possible de determiner des positions relatives dans la hierarchie. Ces positions relatives sont celles des unites de donnees origine et cible reliees par le lien hypertexte.

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Claims

Claim

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" & 'this routine is different from Show parameter & " word apart from
Number Found only in that Result = "(" & ' it displays a...Record Count:
0 Columns Name Type Size ID Number (Long) 4 Allow Zero Length: No
Attributes : Fixed Size, Auto-Increment Collating Order: Unknown or
Undefined Column Hidden: No Column Order: 1...

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AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM FOR DISTRIBUTED PUBLISHING AND
MANAGEMENT OF HYPERMEDIA OVER WIDE AREA NETWORKS
PLATE-FORME DE DEVELOPPEMENT INTEGREE POUR LA PUBLICATION ET LA GESTION
REPARTIES D'HYPERMEDIA SUR DES RESEAUX LONGUE PORTEE

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English Abstract

The present invention addresses the critical needs of publishers seeking

to create and publish hypermedia content in electronic form across wide area networks ("WAN's") such as the World Wide Web. Toward this end, a client-server development platform is provided for handling the important functions of document authoring, content-based indexing and retrieval of documents, management and control of proprietary assets, and support for developing form-driven interactive services, all in a manner that is uniquely and seamlessly WAN-integrated.

French Abstract

Le systeme selon l'invention repond aux besoins cruciaux des editeurs desireux de creer et de publier le contenu d'hypermedia sous forme electronique dans des reseaux longue portee tels que le reseau WWW (World Wide Web). Pour ce faire, une plate-forme de developpement de serveur/client est produite pour gerer les fonctions importantes de creation de documents, indexation basee sur le contenu et d'extraction de documents, de gestion et de controle des actifs prives, et de support pour le developpement de services interactifs a base de masque, l'ensemble de maniere integree, de maniere unique et transparente aux reseaux a longue portee.

Fulltext Availability:

Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... be associated with various specifications such as a required data type, and whether or not database entries in the table will be indexed (and hence searchable) using that field. As indicated...Forward Button
2-3
for the NaviServer 5-2 G
contains operator 5-3 Get Attribute 3-5
Copy icon 3-7 ghost files
copying MiniWebs 4-3 definition 4-2
copying text 3...

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DISTRIBUTED DATA BASE SYSTEM

SYSTEME DE BASE DE DONNEES REPARTIES

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English Abstract

In a distributed data base system different parts of a data base are handled by each a number of interconnected processors (54, 74). The different data base parts contain a number of data entities (58, 66, 66', 93), there being provided for each of such data entities global information (82) relating to the processor in which the data entity is located, and local information (79, 80, 84) relating to the location of the data entity in the own processor. The global information (82) is located in each processor in the system in the form of global information common to and specific for each one of sets of data entities which have been defined beforehand. More particularly said sets of data entities comprise distribution entities of which each includes information relating to a number of instances of a certain type of data entities located in a certain processor, and information by means of which the address to this processor can be found.

French Abstract

Differentes parties d'un systeme de base de donnees reparties sont manipulees chacune par un certain nombre de processeurs interconnectes (54, 74). Elles contiennent un certain nombre d'entites de donnees (58, 66, 66', 93) et, pour chaque entite de donnees, des informations globales (82) relatives au processeur dans lequel l'entite est situee, et des informations locales (79, 80, 84) concernant l'emplacement de l'entite de donnees dans son propre processeur. Il y a donc, dans chaque processeur du systeme, des informations globales (82), communes et specifiques a chaque serie d'entites de donnees, definie prealablement. En particulier, ces series d'entites de donnees comprennent des entites de repartition contenant chacune des informations fournissant des exemples pour un type d'entite de donnees dans un certain processeur, et des informations pour retrouver l'adresse d'acces audit processeur.

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Detailed Description
Claims

English Abstract

In a distributed data base system different parts of a data base are handled by each a number of interconnected processors (54, 74). The different data base parts contain a number of data entities (58, 66, 66', 93), there being provided for...

Detailed Description

Distributed data base system..

Technical ar The present invention generally relates to a distributed data base system in which different parts of a data base are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors, the different data base parts containing a number of data entities.

More particularly the invention relates to data base...a first aspect of the invention the above objects have been attained in a distributed data base system in which different parts of a database are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts include a number of data entities. For each such data entity there is global...to the data entity and an identification number for the class in question. In said data base system different parts of a database are handled by one each of a number of interconnected

processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities of the kind just referred to above, and...

...base system, a data entity belonging to a specific class of data entities. In said data base system different parts of a database are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities of the kind just referred to above, and...

...stated objects are attained, according to the invention, by a distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. Said different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said distribution entity includes information regarding a number...

...stated objects are attained, according to the invention, by a distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. Said different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said distribution entity includes information common and specific an identity entity for a data entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said identity entity includes first information regarding a...the processor 54 a copy 66" of the object 661, the user process 52 accessing attributes in the copy 66", indicated by an arrow 721, by means of the agent object 70. This will...

Claim

... distributed database system, including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of data entities, each such data entity having...

...distributed database system, including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of data entities, each such data entity having...distributed database system, including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of data entities, each such data entity having...

...to the processor that has started the access.

a. A distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts containing a number of data entities, said distribution entity including information regarding a number...as well as information identifying the data entity.

10. A distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts including a number of data entities, said distribution entity containing information common and specific...

...information identifying the data entity.

12. Identity entity for a data entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts containing a number of data entities, said identity entity including information regarding a distribution...

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATION OF CODE FOR MAPPING RELATIONAL DATA TO OBJECTS

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL DE GENERATION DU CODE DE MISE EN CORRESPONDANCE DE DONNEES RELATIONNELLES AVEC DES OBJETS

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English Abstract

A method and apparatus are provided for using an object model (20) of an object-oriented application to automatically map information (50) between an object-oriented application and a structured database (9), such as a relational database. This is done by taking into account all of the semantics (implications) of an object model, such as inheritance and relationships among object classes, and using these semantics to generate a minimal set of routines (F, G, H, J) for each object class that manipulate the object and other objects to which it is related or from which it inherits. The generated routines, when executed, provide transparent access to relational data or other field-delimited data. Object classes and routines generated using the method encapsulate all the details of database access, such that developers (computer programmers) can write object-oriented applications using those object classes without an explicit reference to or knowledge of the underlying database or its structure.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un procede et un appareil permettant d'utiliser un modele objet (20) pour une application orientee objet et une base de donnees structuree (9) telle qu'une base de donnees relationnelle. Pour ce faire, il est tenu compte de toute la semantique (de ses implications) d'un modele objet, telle que l'heritage et les relations entre les classes d'objets, et l'on se sert de cette semantique pour generer une

serie minimale de routines (F; G; H; J) pour chaque classe d'objets, qui manipulent l'objet ou les autres objets avec lesquels il est en relation ou dont il herite. Les routines generees assurent, au moment de leur execution, l'accès en mode transparent aux donnees relationnelles ou a d'autres donnees delimitees par champs. Les classes d'objets et les routines generees selon ce procede encapsulent tous les details de l'accès a la base de donnees, de sorte que les concepteurs (programmeurs) peuvent ecrire des applications orientees objet en se servant de ces classes d'objets sans faire explicitement reference a la base de donnees sous-jacente ou a sa structure, ou sans la connaitre.

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Detailed Description
Claims

Detailed Description

... whatsoever to the structured database.

The method can be used also with two or more different databases , with the object model transparently integrating them. The invention can be used where a site...

Claim

... between a child object class and a parent object class of said object model by copying attributes of said parent object class into a table described by said database schema corresponding to...

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STEREOLITHOGRAPHIC BEAM PROFILING
PROFILAGE DE FAISCEAU STEREOLITHOGRAPHIQUE

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English Abstract

An apparatus and a method for profiling the intensity of a beam and thus measuring the overall intensity and power of a beam are disclosed that have particular use in stereolithography. A beam sensor (35) comprising a pinhole (45) in a plate (40) and a photodetector (55) behind the pinhole

measures the intensity of portions of a beam (50) as the beam is moved over the beam sensor. Software associated mechanism for the beam so that the beam is shifted to find the pinhole and move across it in order to develop the intensity profile. The invention can be used to detect drift in the scanning mechanism, determine the focus of the beam, and predict the depth and width of photopolymer cured by the beam. A related apparatus and method for calibrating and normalizing a stereolithographic apparatus is described, and a related apparatus and method for correcting for drift in production of objects by stereolithography, is also described.

French Abstract

On a mis au point un appareil et un procede permettant de profiler l'intensite d'un faisceau et ainsi de mesurer l'intensite et la puissance globales d'un faisceau, lesquels ont une utilisation particuliere en stereolithographie. Un capteur (35) de faisceau comprenant un trou d'epingle (45) situe dans une plaque (40) ainsi qu'un photodetecteur (55) situe derriere le trou d'epingle, mesure l'intensite de parties d'un faisceau (50) a mesure que l'on deplace le faisceau sur le capteur de faisceau. Le logiciel associe aux capteurs se trouvant dans un ordinateur, commande le mecanisme de balayage du faisceau de sorte que ledit faisceau est decale pour trouver le trou d'aiguille et se deplace au-dessus de ce dernier afin de mettre au point le profile d'intensite. On peut utiliser l'invention pour detecter la derive dans le mecanisme de balayage, determiner la focalisation du faisceau, et predire la profondeur et la largeur de photopolymere durci par le faisceau. On a mis au point un appareil et un procede permettant de calibrer et de normaliser un appareil stereolithographique, ainsi qu'un appareil et un procede permettant de corriger la derive dans la production d'objets par stereolithographie.

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Claims

Claim

... move the Z stage up
and down during part building.

TENSILE STRENGTH This is an attribute of a material which defines the energy required to stretch it.

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CAD/CAM STEREOLITHOGRAPHIC DATA CONVERSION
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English Abstract

An improved stereolithography system for generating a three- dimensional object (30) by creating a cross-sectional pattern of the object to be formed at a selected surface (23) of a fluid medium (22) capable of altering its physical state in response to appropriate synergistic stimulation by impinging radiation, particle bombardment or chemical reaction, information defining the object being specially processed to reduce curl and distortion, and increase resolution, strength, accuracy, speed and economy of reproduction even for rather difficult object shapes, the successive adjacent laminae (30a, 30b, 30c), representing corresponding successive adjacent cross-sections of the object, being automatically formed and integrated together to provide a stepwise laminar buildup of the desired object, whereby a three- dimensional object is formed and drawn from a substantially planar surface of the fluid medium during the forming process. The conversion of CAD/CAM data descriptive of the object into stereolithographic data used to trace cross-sections of the object is described.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un systeme de stereolitographie ameliore permettant de generer un objet tridimensionnel (30) en creant une configuration en coupe de l'objet a former au niveau d'une surface selectionnee (23) d'un milieu de fluide (22) pouvant modifier son etat physique en reponse a une stimulation synergetique appropriee par envoi d'une radiation, bombardement de particules ou reaction chimique, des informations definissant l'objet specialement traite pour reduire les ondulations et la distorsion et augmenter la resolution, la force, la precision, la vitesse et l'economie de reproduction meme pour des formes d'objets plutot difficiles, les couches adjacentes successives (30a, 30b, 30c) representant des sections adjacentes successives correspondantes de l'objet, lesquelles sont formees automatiquement et integrees pour creer l'objet par accumulation laminaire, de sorte qu'un objet tridimensionnel est forme et dessine a partir d'une surface sensiblement plane du milieu fluide pendant le processus de formation. La conversion de donnees CAD/CAM decrivant l'objet en donnees stereolitographiques utilisees pour tracer des sections de l'objet est decrite.

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Claims

Claim

... model

Prepare model for stereolithography
Section model into triangles and reduce data for transmission Transmit
data file to SLA-1 slice computer Slice triangle files horizontally
Calculate vectors and add hatch...with the extension ".UIZ") that is used
by, SLICE to generate different-spaced layers for different sections of
a part.

3.5.1 UI Overview

The complex nature of using SLICE...

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Utility

META-INTERPRETER

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ABSTRACT

The present invention includes an interpreter in which a parser examines a message using grammar and lexical tables to produce a parse table. The parse table is compared to data needed in a semantics table to fire a rule. The firing of a rule causes a function table to be evaluated. The function table includes function calls which can perform user desired functions. Among the functions is a generate function which will take the contents of a table and turn it into a message and route the message to a destination where the destination can be a table, process or device. Plural interpreters can be created where each interpreter includes a workspace containing the above-mentioned tables. Each interpreter can perform a different task such as recognizing the meaning of a message in one language and performing some action such as sending out a message in a different language or updating a database. The present invention is particularly suitable for managing a machining workcell including machines from different vendors.

ABSTRACT

...in one language and performing some action such as sending out a message in a different language or updating a database. The present invention is particularly suitable for managing a machining workcell including machines from different...

... both items of the source and target are known then the actual item values and attributes can be updated (Copy sub -- Item sub -- To sub -- Item) by using the pointer to the source to retrieve...

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COMPUTER INTEGRATION SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

Apparatus for integrating independent computer systems with associated heterogeneous data bases having some common or shared data entities. The apparatus includes an update capturing module installed at each of the computer systems, for capturing update transactions involving shared data entities, and a central data translator, which receives the updates from the update capturing modules, translates the updates into appropriate record formats and data base schemas, and transmits the translated replicas to the appropriate separate computer systems, where the updates are directly or indirectly entered into the corresponding data bases, thereby ensuring consistency among the separate but related data bases.

ABSTRACT

Apparatus for integrating independent computer systems with associated heterogeneous data bases having some common or shared data entities. The apparatus includes an update capturing module installed...
... data. More particularly, the invention relates to the integration of multiple computer systems that have heterogeneous data bases ; that is to say, each computer system has a data base that is, in general, different from the others in form and structure, although not necessarily different in content. Integrating the... also a trend in computer architecture toward distributed systems, in which hardware processors and associated data bases are situated at different physical locations, but still operate to some degree as a single system. This trend suggests...

17, the authors discuss a distributed data base system in which duplicate copies of a data base are maintained in different locations. Updates made to a data base in one location are transmitted to the other...which there is a need to communicate between the multiple computers. However, the subject of heterogeneous data bases is not raised, and the data bases are apparently designed to be completely compatible with...by North Holland Publishing Company, 1982, pp. 153-84. Multibase permits a user to access different data bases by employing a single data base schema and a single query language. Multibase performs all...problem of integrating large numbers of microcomputers to provide inquiry access to a number of heterogeneous data bases. In many situations, it is desirable to provide microcomputers access to different data bases for read-only or inquiry purposes. Until now, the heterogeneous nature of the data bases has made it very difficult to integrate microcomputers with larger mainframe computers except in relatively...

... that there is still a need for a technique for integrating multiple computer systems having heterogeneous data bases. Ideally, the heterogeneous data bases should be promptly updated to maintain consistency of the common or shared data, and should...ideally be adaptable to integrate microcomputers with read-only capability into a larger system of heterogeneous data bases. The present invention is directed to these ends.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is a system for integrating a number of different host computers with heterogeneous data bases, by controlled replication of common data, to ensure that identical data items in the data ... computer systems. In particular, the invention provides a technique for conveniently sharing data among multiple heterogeneous data bases, by translating and distributing updates of the shared data. Other aspects and advantages of the...

...EMBODIMENT

The present invention is a system for integrating a number of host computers having heterogeneous data bases so that any identical data items in the data bases are maintained consistent with each...

... they have different organizational schema or structures and different record formats for storing data.

The different data bases are partially duplicative or redundant in that the same data item may be included in...

...more data bases are referred to as "duplicate data" or "common data".

Integration of these different data bases, which is the principle object of this invention, means ensuring that data items which are...local data base will have certain data items in common with one of the other data bases and different data items in common with another of the data bases.

In the apparatus of the...attribute has not been correctly updated. The alternative approach is to transmit both a data attribute identifier and a copy of the updated data attribute as well. The host computer system then not only retrieves...invention represents a significant advance in the

field of integration of independent computer systems having heterogeneous data bases . In particular, the invention achieves integration of distributed heterogeneous data bases by making translated replicas of data base updates, and distributing the replicas to other data...

... In a system for integrating a plurality of host computer systems having separate and local data bases having different organization and record formats with at least some items of data being included in more...

... and integrating system for ensuring that the values of the shared data items in the different local data bases are maintained consistent with each other, the integrating system comprising:
data translator means for translating...

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ABSTRACT

A man-machine interface for use with industrial processes is disclosed

having the capability of design and configuration of the interrelationship of components forming an overall industrial process. The man-machine interface further provides operator use, including process monitoring and control, as well as alarm annunciation. Most user interaction with the man-machine interface is performed through a color CRT monitor having a touch panel on the surface of the CRT screen. Operator use may be limited to touch panel interaction while configurer and designer use normally further includes use of a keyboard.

The man-machine interface utilizes distributed processing and incorporates a high level graphic language. The graphic language facilitates real time graphic display implementation through use of dynamic and static variables. Variable types are dynamically associated with variable values so that variables can undergo type changes without detrimental effect. Video bit bangers and shifters further enhance the versatility and ease of implementing rapid modifications of graphic displays. The man-machine interface further incorporates a new bus structure including a new bus arbitration technique, a unidirectional memory boundary protection mechanism, an improved interrupt system, and an improved watchdog timer circuit.

... the configurator mode, the subpicture configuration options menu is presented. It is presented in a different background token color than that of the designer options menu.

Touching the select mode button...subpicture design options menu presents the following buttons:

- (1) create subpicture
- (2) delete subpicture
- (3) copy subpicture
- (4) list subpicture
- (5) edit subpicture
- (6) help
- (7) select mode

(8) select object... acquisition package and otherwise returns the value False.

The function valid, when applied to a database variable, returns the value True when a display has previously validated the variable's value...

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Utility

SPECTRALLY COORDINATED PATTERN SEARCH-IMAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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ABSTRACT

A system for selecting decorative materials is based on large numbers of high-resolution, full color images of decorative materials stored in a compressed format on an inexpensive medium such as a CD-ROM. In creating the ROM, each image is coordinated with additional information such as style of pattern, type of material, and other auxiliary information. Before final compression and storage of the image data color information is added by spectrophotometrically analyzing the decorative material. Color values for a background color and up to four foreground colors are determined. Individual colors are then referenced to a comprehensive color standard system containing a large number of standardized color swatches. Spectrophotometric color referencing allows the data records to be rapidly searched on the basis of color, as well as the other information in the record. Wallpaper patterns, drapery material, floor covering, or paint can then be rapidly selected on the basis of matching color. Various patterns and paints can be compared side by side on a high-resolution computer monitor that has been calibrated to produce an accurate color image. Finally, the chosen paints and other decorating materials can be rendered onto a room image so that the consumer can view an accurate simulation of the chosen materials.

... reference system, virtually any color can be matched. Then any person with access to a copy of the reference system can look up a given swatch number and see how the...

... is a good choice for use with the present invention. The Pantone system has 1701 different swatches in a set, thus allowing virtually any color to be matched.

Most decorative materials have a single background color combined with several different foreground colors to define the material's pattern. In the present invention, the background color...

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ABSTRACT

An automated communications system operates to transfer data, metadata and methods from a provider computer to a consumer computer through a communications network. The transferred information controls the communications relationship, including responses by the consumer computer,

updating of information, and processes for future communications. Information which changes in the provider computer is automatically updated in the consumer computer through the communications system in order to maintain continuity of the relationship. Transfer of metadata and methods permits intelligent processing of information by the consumer computer and combined control by the provider and consumer of the types and content of information subsequently transferred. Object oriented processing is used for storage and transfer of information. The use of metadata and methods further allows for automating many of the actions underlying the communications, including communication acknowledgements and archiving of information. Service objects and partner servers provide specialized data, metadata, and methods to providers and consumers to automate many common communications services and transactions useful to both providers and consumers. A combination of the provider and consumer programs and databases allows for additional functionality, including coordination of multiple users for a single database.

...scheduled event loop of the consumer or provider program.

FIG. 17 Illustrates the object oriented database structures for different communications object types.

FIG. 18 illustrates object oriented data structures used for distribution control.

FIG...

... information contained in the provider database can be transferred and used in communications relationships with different consumers. The provider database includes information associating the information with each potential recipient. The association information is used to...

... to the existing information to determine what has been updated. The consumer program maintains a database of information from different providers. When updated information is received, the consumer program executes instructions associated with the information...

... an association with methods 141 in order to allow different methods to be assigned to different recipients. An example is the communications object's update method. Communications objects transmitted to consumers... all communications object instances 110 have been transmitted, the program does another query of the database for ...of the type definition 144 for each required or desired attribute to automatically identify and copy these attributes from elements 143 in the provider database 11 to elements 143 in the directory partner...

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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a dynamic organizational database as an underlying information system to support collaborative computing in a global enterprise. This information system is built based on the Organizational Modeling and Management model (OMM) and provides a system architecture and a graphical user interface for easy manipulation of organizational objects. Contrary to traditional approaches, the present invention separates the organization model from the process model, the application model and the data model. Thus, independent and flexible enterprise modeling and design is allowed to reflect more realistically a rapidly changing business environment.

...together or to further divide their organizations.

The present invention can utilize any type of database schema. The different vertical and horizontal partitions of the enterprise correspond naturally to database tables. It is typical...s information is archived, but is still retrievable. The fact that the present invention provides different stages gives the database the opportunity to handle the information differently than in the prior art. As the dataOrganization create, delete show, merge

Member create, delete, copy
get, set, move
Attribute create, delete,
show
(dis)associate

Attribute Value
none get, set
Virtual Link create, delete resolve...

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ABSTRACT

A system and method for computer-assisted database management software creation of a target software application from a description known as a dictionary interoperating with a universal software application. The dictionary contents customize the universal application into the target software application created from a high-level dialog between an application designer and a graphical application editor. The application editor provides an environment for editing and creating custom applications and automatically creates security partitioning of responsibilities and users, hierarchical menu structures, groupings of database data elements into efficient sets, database transactions and database partitioning without requiring programming in SQL language by an application designer. The computer stores the dictionary in a database for accessing by the universal application. The dictionary customizes the re-usable universal application for interaction with relational databases such as Oracle(r), IBM(r) DB2, and Sybase(r).

...dimensions for analysis, drill down to see the details behind any total, look at multiple attributes of the data, copy an analysis for side-by-side visual analysis, transfer analysis information into an industry-standard... systems, generally requires astute manual programming. Data mover module 230 facilitates movement of data across different database designs, heterogeneous databases, access methods, or file systems located within a network. Data mover module 230 also facilitates...

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ABSTRACT

A clinical information reporting system for use with an electronic database for a health care facility, the electronic database being a rotational and modular database for the provision of a scalable and extensible configuration preferably consisting of a workstation as the base configuration and being configurable for use in small and medium network situations and being particularly adapted for the receipt, manipulation, modification and generation of cardiology reports such as resting ECG records and stress ECG records.

... as though they were physically in the office, directly connected to the network or local database (although network access to a remote workstation will be slower). The system preferably allows three...though only 73 were actually seen. Finally, the multi-database user is preferably able to copy data from one database to another easily (such as using "drag and drop") and communication...

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ABSTRACT

Telephone calls, data and other multimedia information including video, audio and data is routed through a switched network which includes transfer of information across the internet. Users can transmit video, audio and data communications of designated quality over the internet to other registered video telephony users. Users can manage more aspects of a network than previously possible, and control network activities from a central site.

... configured for that service engine 2134, as needed. Caching can be controlled by the ISP database server 2182, or controlled by the database of the ISP database server 2182. Data may...high access level additionally allows Grant and Validate single use TOKEN commands as well.

This database is also accessed by the Web Administrators to Create, Read, Update and Delete records. Access...his messages. The user's profile information and the user's messages may reside in different locations, so the interface is able to connect to both places. Profile and messaging capabilities... whereby the PC Client can export a comma delimited or DBF formatted file to the database of lists.

The user is able to create and modify recipient address information through his... A component integration architecture is a set of architectural mechanisms which allow software modules in different process spaces to utilize each other's capabilities or functions. This is generally done by... could associated with each level. The caller would select a quality level; perhaps by dialing different 800 number services first.

(1) Domestic Destination

Neither the calling nor the called parties need...

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ABSTRACT

In a distributed data base system, different parts of the data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. The different data base parts contain a number of data entities. There are provided for each of such data entities global information relating to the processor in which the data entity is located, and local information relating to the location of the data entity in the own processor. The global information is located in each processor in the system in the form of global information common to and specific for each set of data entities. More particularly, the sets of data entities comprise distribution entities each of which includes information relating to a number of instances of a certain type of data entity located in a certain processor, and information by which the address to this processor can be found.

ABSTRACT

In a distributed data base system, different parts of the data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. The different data base parts contain a number of data entities. There are provided for each of such data...

BACKGROUND

The present invention generally relates to a distributed data base system in which different parts of a data base are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors, the different data base parts containing a number of data entities.

More particularly the invention relates to data base...a first aspect of the invention the above objects have been attained in a distributed data base system in which different parts of a database are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts include a number of data entities. For each such data entity there is global...to the data entity and an identification number for the class in question. In said data base system different parts of a database

are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities of the kind just referred to above, and...base system, a data entity belonging to a specific class of data entities. In said data base system different parts of a database are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities of the kind just referred to above, and...stated objects are attained, according to the invention, by a distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. Said different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said distribution entity includes information regarding a number...

... stated objects are attained, according to the invention, by a distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. Said different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said distribution entity includes information common and specific a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said identity entity includes first information regarding a...

... the processor 54 a copy 66" of the object 66', the user process 52 accessing attributes in the copy 66", indicated by an arrow 72', by means of the agent object 70. This will...

... distributed database system, including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of data entities, each such data entity having...

...as well as information identifying the data entity.

3. A distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts containing a number of data entities, said distribution entity including information regarding a number...

...as well as information identifying the data entity.

4. A distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts including a number of data entities, said distribution entity containing information common and specific...

...information identifying the data entity.

5. Identity entity for a data entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts containing a number of data entities, said identity entity including:
information regarding ... distributed database system, including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of objects, each such object having in association...well as information identifying the object.

8. A distribution entity in an object oriented distributed database system, in which different parts of a data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts containing a number of objects, said distribution entity including information regarding a number of...

...well as information identifying the object.

9. A distribution entity in an object oriented distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts including a number of objects, said distribution entity containing information common and specific to...

...information identifying the object.

10. Identity entity for an object in an object oriented distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors, the different database parts containing a number of objects, said identity entity including: information regarding a distribution entity...

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SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR REMOTE VIRTUAL POINT OF SALE PROCESSING UTILIZING A MULTICHANNEL, EXTENSIBLE, FLEXIBLE ARCHITECTURE

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An architecture that provides a server that communicates bidirectionally with a client over a first communication link, over which service requests flow to the server for one or more merchants and/or consumers is disclosed. Service requests are associated with a particular merchant based on storefront visited by a consumer or credentials presented by a merchant. Service requests result in merchant specific transactions that are

transmitted to the gateway for further processing on existing host applications. By presenting the appropriate credentials, the merchant could utilize any other computer attached to the Internet utilizing a SSL or SET protocol to query the server remotely and obtain capture information, payment administration information, inventory control information, audit information and process customer satisfaction information.

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An automated communications system operates to transfer data, metadata and methods from a provider computer to a consumer computer through a communications network. The transferred information controls the communications relationship, including responses by the consumer computer, updating of information, and processes for future communications. Information which changes in the provider computer is automatically updated in the consumer computer through the communications system in order to maintain continuity of the relationship. Transfer of metadata and methods permits intelligent processing of information by the consumer computer and combined control by the provider and consumer of the types and content of information subsequently transferred. Object oriented processing is used for storage and transfer of information. The use of metadata and methods further allows for automating many of the actions underlying the communications, including communication acknowledgements and archiving of information. Service objects and partner servers provide specialized data, metadata, and methods to providers and consumers to automate many common communications services and transactions useful to both providers and consumers. A combination of the provider and consumer programs and databases allows for additional functionality, including coordination of multiple users for a single database.

...scheduled event loop of the consumer or provider program.

FIG. 17 illustrates the object oriented database structures for different communications object types.

FIG. 18 illustrates object oriented data structures used for distribution control.

FIG...

... information contained in the provider database can be transferred and used in communications relationships with different consumers. The provider database includes information associating the information with each potential recipient. The association information is used to...

... to the existing information to determine what has been updated. The consumer program maintains a database of information from different providers. When updated information is received, the consumer program executes instructions associated with the information...

... to be sent). Recipients 120 have an association with methods 141 in order to allow different methods to be assigned to different recipients. An example is the communications object's update...user via preference forms or even direct HTML source editing. Such preferences may allow a different default startup menu screen, different toolbars, different

menu choices on any given screen, different screen fonts or backgrounds, and other display or operational preferences.

The first five choices on...of the type definition 144 for each required or desired attribute to automatically identify and copy these attributes from elements 143 in the provider database 11 to elements 143 in the directory partner...

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Utility

DISTRIBUTED DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR SERVICING APPLICATION REQUESTS
IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SWITCHING SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

A distributed database management (DDBMS) system for switching applications that combines rapid feature deployment with high real-time performance. The system architecture encompasses a new software boundary between application and database, yet provides the benefits of open standard interfaces and distributed transaction control. To accomplish this dichotomy, an object-oriented schema is used to arrange the DDBMS as an intelligent service provider, separating services from physical location and implementation. A software containment approach is utilized to optimize interfaces based on grouping of data so as to permit application-specific routines to be "plugged-into" the database. The DDBMS is arranged to address extendibility and real-time performance needs of capabilities such as ISDN and IN is switching offices and network nodes.

... nodes without impacting the client applications. Fragmentation and copy transparencies allow for the changing of different database partitions over time without impact on the client applications. ...the users of that service and are optimized to the users requirements. DGWs providing service database access functions are different routines to different users. For example, to Call Processing, they might be real-time efficient...the session working area and copy them into the requestor's buffer. The SET commands copy attributes from the requestor's buffer into the session working area.

3. Announce ending of access...read, write and search the physical database including separate access to the each of the different levels of the physical database hierarchy.

The users of these data agents include the following functional areas of the database...

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Utility

USING CANONICAL FORMS TO DEVELOP A DICTIONARY OF NAMES IN A TEXT
[Data structure in a memory of a computer]

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ABSTRACT

Descriptive canonical forms of entity types are created by scanning one or more documents in a database of a computer system to identify one or more proper names that appear in the documents as raw names. Each of the raw names has zero or more proper names, zero or more medial substrings, zero or more leading substrings, and zero or more trailing substrings. The raw names of one or more documents are "cleaned" and "split" until certain "cleaning and splitting conditions" are no longer met to obtain a list of clean and split candidate names. Anchor names are selected from the list that unambiguously represent an entity type. The anchor names have one or more entity-type attribute values. Variant names, clean and split candidate names having one or more shared attribute (values) with the anchor name, are combined with the anchor name to create an equivalence group of names that refer to the same entity. A canonical form is generated for the group from a subset of the anchor name attributes. A canonical form is created in this manner for all of the clean and split candidate names on the list.

...partial solutions.

Some prior art identifies names in text and their variants based on a database of known names. The different variants may be explicitly listed in the database, or they may be recognized if they...
... could be assigned a certain entity type. The analysis is carried out on a "working copy" of the str attribute. The working copy starts as an exact copy of the str value, but as substrings of it (from...the name-suffix attribute 1719 are null, as they were not found in the working copy of the str attribute. The last-name attribute value 1718 is "Smith".

Finally, name element 1720 returned from the...

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PROCESSING NAMES IN A TEXT

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ABSTRACT

Occurrences of proper names in text are identified by scanning one or more documents in a database of a computer system to identify one or more sequences of capitalized words and other specially defined words that appear in the documents as raw names. Each of the raw names has zero or more proper names, zero or more medial substrings, zero or more leading substrings, and zero or more trailing substrings. The raw names of one or more documents are "cleaned" and "split" until certain "cleaning and splitting conditions" are no longer met to obtain a list of clean and split candidate names.

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Utility
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A PROPOSAL RESPONSE

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ABSTRACT

A system for generating a document in response to a request for information has the capability of receiving scanned documents that have a series of questions. The present invention has databases of questions and associated

answers. A respondent prepares the subject questions for a searching procedure by editing and assigning each question with a number and labels the same with given input parameters. The system searches the question database for a question which exactly matches the subject question or is a like match in that it is similar in text or input parameter value. The system compares each received question with stored questions and return similarly worded questions in accordance with a predetermined match threshold. The respondent may then select an answer associated with the subject question for inclusion in the response document. The present system is also characterized by a maintenance apparatus that allows for systematic upkeep of question and answer databases.

... protected item. If the question or answer has been revised (already present in the appropriate database) a different process is executed. An unprotected item is first created with all of the updated attributes...
...all questions associated with said selected answer;
editing said text or a value of said attributes , producing edited work copy signals;
replace said question or answer database signals corresponding to said question or answer with...

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Utility

DISTRIBUTED DATABASE ARCHITECTURE AND DISTRIBUTED DATABASE MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM FOR OPEN NETWORK EVOLUTION

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ABSTRACT

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implementation. A software containment approach is utilized to optimize interfaces based on grouping of data so as to permit application-specific routines to be "plugged-into" the database. The DDBMS is arranged to address extendibility and real-time performance needs of capabilities such as ISDN and IN is switching offices and network nodes.

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Utility

DISTRIBUTED DATA BASE SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

In a distributed data base system, different parts of the data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. The different data base parts contain a number of data entities. There are provided for each of such data entities global information relating to the processor in which the data entity is located, and local information relating to the location of the data entity in the own processor. The global information is located in each processor in the system in the form of global information common to and specific for each set of data entities. More particularly, the sets of data entities comprise distribution entities each of which includes information relating to a number of instances of a certain type of data entity located in a certain processor, and information by which the address to this processor can be found.

ABSTRACT

In a distributed data base system, different parts of the data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. The different data base parts contain a number of data entities. There are provided for each of such data...

BACKGROUND

The present invention generally relates to a distributed data base system in which different parts of a data base are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors, the different data base parts containing a number of data entities.

More particularly the invention relates to data base...a first aspect of the invention the above objects have been attained in a distributed data base system in which different parts of a database are handled by one

each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts include a number of data entities. For each such data entity there is global...to the data entity and an identification number for the class in question. In said data base system different parts of a database are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities of the kind just referred to above, and...base system, a data entity belonging to a specific class of data entities. In said data base system different parts of a database are handled by one each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities of the kind just referred to above, and...stated objects are attained, according to the invention, by a distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a data base are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. Said different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said distribution entity includes information regarding a number...

... stated objects are attained, according to the invention, by a distribution entity in a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. Said different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said distribution entity includes information common and specific a distributed database system, in which different parts of a database are handled by each of a number of interconnected processors. The different database parts contain a number of data entities. Said identity entity includes first information regarding a...

... the processor 54 a copy 66" of the object 66', the user process 52 accessing attributes in the copy 66", indicated by an arrow 72', by means of the agent object 70. This will...

... distributed database system including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of data entities, each such data entity having... distributed database system, including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of data entities, each such data entity having... distributed database system, including a data base, and a number of interconnected processors for handling different parts of said data base, said data base parts including a number of data entities, each such data entity having...

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SPECTRALLY COORDINATED PATTERN SEARCH-IMAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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ABSTRACT

A system for selecting decorative materials is based on large numbers of high-resolution, full color images of decorative materials stored in a compressed format on an inexpensive medium such as a CD-ROM. In creating the ROM, each image is coordinated with additional information such as style of pattern, type of material, and other auxiliary information. Before final compression and storage of the image data color information is added by spectrophotometrically analyzing the decorative material. Color values for a background color and up to four foreground colors are determined. Individual colors are then referenced to a comprehensive color standard system containing a large number of standardized color swatches. Spectrophotometric color referencing allows the data records to be rapidly searched on the basis of color, as well as the other information in the record. Wallpaper patterns, drapery material, floor covering, or paint can then be rapidly selected on the basis of matching color. Various patterns and paints can be compared side by side on a high-resolution computer monitor that has been calibrated to produce an accurate color image. Finally, the chosen paints and other decorating materials can be rendered onto a room image so that the consumer can view an accurate simulation of the chosen materials.

... reference system, virtually any color can be matched. Then any person with access to a copy of the reference system can look up a given swatch number and see how the...

... is a good choice for use with the present invention. The Pantone system has 1701 different swatches in a set, thus allowing virtually any color to be matched.

Most decorative materials...

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Utility
DISTRIBUTED DATABASE ARCHITECTURE AND DISTRIBUTED DATABASE MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM FOR OPEN NETWORK EVOLUTION

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ABSTRACT

A distributed database management (DDBMS) system for switching applications that combines rapid feature deployment with high real-time performance. The system architecture encompasses a new software boundary between application and database, yet provides the benefits of open standard interfaces and distributed transaction control. To accomplish this dichotomy, an object-oriented schema is used to arrange the DDBMS as an intelligent service provider, separating services from physical location and implementation. A software containment approach is utilized to optimize interfaces based on grouping of data so as to permit application-specific routines to be "plugged-into" the database. The DDBMS is arranged to address extendibility and real-time performance needs of capabilities such as ISDN and IN is switching offices and network nodes.

... nodes without impacting the client applications. Fragmentation and copy transparencies allow for the changing of different database partitions over time without impact on the ...the users of that service and are optimized to the users requirements. DGWs providing service database access functions are different routines to different users. For example,

to Call Processing, they might be real-time efficient...the session working area and copy them into the requestor's buffer. The SET commands copy attributes from the requestor's buffer into the session working area.

3. Announce ending of access...read, write and search the physical database including separate access to the each of the different levels of the physical database hierarchy.

The users of these data agents include the following functional areas of the database...

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Utility

DISTRIBUTED DATABASE ARCHITECTURE AND DISTRIBUTED DATABASE MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM FOR OPEN NETWORK EVOLUTION

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Utility

LOSSLESS DISTRIBUTION OF TIME SERIES DATA IN A RELATIONAL DATA BASE NETWORK

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ABSTRACT

A computer processing system that receives sequences of changes to a data base and records them into an activity log for later retrieval also maintains a consistent change data table that contains sufficient change information for each of the changes to the data base such that the changes can be propagated through multiple copies of the data base by consulting the consistent change data table. The consistent change data includes information sufficient to permit reconstruction of the data base to reflect the condition of the data base at any moment of time in the activity log. Because the consistent change data is complete, it permits producing multi-generational copies of data base tables for replication from one copy level to any other subsequent level, or iteration, of copy.

... well. Those skilled in the art will recognize such parameters as being common to many different data base manager systems, though perhaps referred to by alternative names.

The Log Read Processor 40 also...a snapshot or point-in-time copy, a base aggregate table, or a change aggregate copy. The "base condensed" attribute flag can be set to "Y", "P", or "N". The base condensed flag also can...

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Utility

LOSSLESS DISTRIBUTION OF TIME SERIES DATA IN A RELATIONAL DATA BASE NETWORK

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Utility

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF OBJECT ORIENTED CODE FOR MAPPING RELATIONAL DATA TO OBJECTS

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ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus are provided for using an object model of an object-oriented application to automatically map information between an object-oriented application and a structured database, such as a relational database. This is done by taking into account all of the semantics (implications) of an object model, such as inheritance and relationships among object classes, and using these semantics to generate a minimal set of routines for each object class that manipulate the object and other objects to which it is related or from which it inherits. The generated routines, when executed, provide transparent access to relational data or other field-delimited data. Object classes and routines generated using the method encapsulate all the details of database access, such that developers (computer programmers) can write object-oriented applications using those object classes without any explicit reference to or knowledge of the underlying database or its structure. By working with the objects, the user of such applications transparently manipulates the database without needing to know anything of its structure. Applications can be written using the object classes to transparently integrate information from multiple

databases.

... whatsoever to the structured database. The method can be used also with two or more different databases, with the object model transparently integrating them. The invention can be used where a site...

... class and a parent object class of said object model in said structured database by copying attributes of said parent object class from said object oriented application to a table described by...

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Utility

SIMPLIFIED RELATIONAL DATA BASE SNAPSHOT COPYING

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ABSTRACT

A relational data base management system permits users to specify copy operations without being burdened with specifying details of structure, copy refresh algorithm, and the like. The attributes a user must specify when requesting snapshot copies is reduced by defining data structures with attributes such that specifying the name of a table, whether a user data table or snapshot, specifies the copying scheme that will be used. Any ambiguity is resolved by interactively querying the user. When a user initially defines, or registers, a source table, the user specifies a set of predefined attributes, including table structure and completeness. When a user later requests a snapshot copy, the system automatically determines the nature of the copy operation to be performed by matching the table name with its registered attributes. This permits the system to automatically determine details such as the structure of the target table, the manner in which snapshot refresh will occur, and whether the target table can be created from a snapshot copy or if the original user table must be consulted. In this way, specifying copies in a relational data base system is simplified.

... performed. Those skilled in the art will recognize such parameters as being common to many different data base manager systems, though perhaps referred to by alternative names.

The Log Read Processor 40 also...a snapshot or point-in-time copy, a base aggregate table, or a change aggregate copy. The "base condensed" attribute flag can be set to "Y", "P", or "N" for indicating attributes for the source...read from the activity log.

FIG. 8 is a flow diagram illustrating the registration of attributes for a new copy source table. As noted above, an administrative interface provided by a software process of the...thereby becomes known to the Apply Processor and Log Read Processor.

FIG. 9 illustrates how attributes of a new copy are determined during the subscription definition phase of the copying operation. The copy operation begins...

...condensed attribute of N, respectively. As indicated in the flow diagram box numbered 718, the attributes of the copy table are defined accordingly. An error indication is provided at the box numbered 720 if...

... snapshot copy, and also a base aggregation (BA) table. At the box numbered 724, the copy table attributes are defined accordingly. If the outcome at the decision box 710 determines that there ... or a ConsistentChangeData table copy at the decision box numbered 746. Selection of a snapshot copy determines the tables attributes, as indicated at

the flow diagram box numbered 748. Selection of a ConsistentChangeData table copy...

...respectively.

FIG. 11 illustrates the steps followed by the system 10 in using the predefined attribute information when a copying operation is carried out. The system assumes that potential copy sources are all derived from... P". If the source condensed attribute is set to "A" then the system checks the copy structure attribute for being either a base aggregate table or a change aggregate table, as indicated at...

...connector "12" indicates the flow diagram continues at FIG. 12).

In FIG. 12, if the copy structure attribute indicates a base aggregate (BA) table, then at box 816 the system searches for a...

... assumes an SQL function and proceeds with operation at the box numbered 824.

If the copy structure attribute at decision box 810 indicated that the table has a change aggregate (CA) structure, then...

... then at box 834 the system refreshes the target table from the source table, completing copy processing for condensed attribute "A" values.

If the condensed attribute checked at decision box 802 (FIG. 11) was set ...

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META-INTERPRETER

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ABSTRACT

The present invention includes an interpreter in which a parser examines a message using grammar and lexical tables to produce a parse table. The parse table is compared to data needed in a semantics table to fire a rule. The firing of a rule causes a function table to be evaluated. The function table includes function calls which can perform user desired functions. Among the functions is a generate function which will take the contents of a table and turn it into a message and route the message to a destination where the destination can be a table, process or device. Plural interpreters can be created where each interpreter includes a workspace containing the above-mentioned tables. Each interpreter can perform a different task such as recognizing the meaning of a message in one language and performing some action such as sending out a message in a different language or updating a database. The present invention is particularly suitable for managing a machining workcell including machines from different vendors.

ABSTRACT

...in one language and performing some action such as sending out a message in a different language or updating a database. The present invention is particularly suitable for managing a machining workcell including machines from different...

... both items of the source and target are known then the actual item values and attributes can be updated (Copy Item To Item) by using the pointer to the source to retrieve the value and...

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and copy? (3n) attribute?		
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	520	HETEROGENOUS
	193295	DIFFERENT
	170062	DATABASE?
	472987	DATA
	602735	BASE?
	29106	DATA(W) BASE?
	4567	((HETEROGENEOUS OR HETEROGENOUS) OR DIFFERENT) (4N) (DATABASE? OR DATA(W) BASE?)
	233316	COPY?
	34300	ATTRIBUTE?
	148	COPY? (3N) ATTRIBUTE?
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ABSTRACT: Powersoft's PowerBuilder 4.0 4GL client/server front-end development system makes programmers more productive: it is powerful, object-oriented, extensible, and easy to use. Most of an application is defined by creating windows and controls with the program's 'painter' utilities, which include the Application Painter that defines the general details about the application, the Window Painter, Menu Painter, DataWindow Painter, Structure Painter, Database Painter, SQL Painter, Function Painter, Library Painter, and User Object Painter. The Window Painter lets users add graphical objects to windows and PowerScript code to handle

events and take actions. The PowerScript high-level, object-oriented, event-driven programming language is modeled after Basic and provides more than 500 functions for database access, communications among objects, numeric and string processing, data conversion, and other operations. The performance of DataWindows is improved in version 4.0, as are window display speeds; the interface is also much improved. PowerBuilder is a powerful client/server development system for Windows; it will become even more attractive as it becomes available for other platforms.

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... utility, the Data Pipeline, that lets you copy (or move) tables and data from one database to another (even across different DBMSs). Using the Data Pipeline, you can copy a database table from an Oracle database...

...create, replace, or append the destination table, set the frequency of commits, and whether to copy the extended attributes (metadata) to the destination database. At this point, you can save the Data Pipeline definition...

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Borland International Quattro Pro 1.0 for Windows. (Software Review) (one of three evaluations of spreadsheet software in 'Picking the Perfect Spreadsheet') (Evaluation)
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ABSTRACT: Borland International Inc's Quattro Pro for Windows spreadsheet software, which costs \$495 for one user and \$395 for a server, is a powerful, easy-to-use program, although its database functions could be improved. Sheets created in Quattro Pro are grouped into sets called Notebooks, which are a useful organizational tool. Each Notebook's last page is reserved for graphics, such as slide shows and dialog boxes. The spreadsheet uses other inventive organizational methods, such as the capability of moving cells individually, the Group mode and the Speedbar, which is a customizable toolbar. The program also includes UI Builder, which is a front-end developer, and support for the atfunctions in Lotus Development Corp's Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet files. Database Desktop enables users to connect Notebooks with databases.

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evaluation
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... Microsoft Draw. You can edit all the individual objects in the graph and change their attributes . You can also copy a range of cells to the Clipboard and paste them into Microsoft Graph, another Word...are differences in how queries and sorts are performed, too. For example, Quattro Pro and Database Desktop use different wildcards. QPW uses*, ?, and [unkeyable] (NOT) in a search criterion range; Database Desktop uses the...

...There are differences in how queries and sorts are performed, too. For example Quattro and Database Desktop use different wildcards: Quattro uses *,?, and | (NOT) in a search criterion range, but Database Desktop uses the...

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New tools on the Works bench. (Software Review) (Symantec's GreatWorks 2.0, Claris' ClarisWorks, MacVonk USA's HandiWorks, Beagle Bros' BeagleWorks integrated software) (Evaluation)
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ABSTRACT: Microsoft Works has long been the foremost integrated software package for the Macintosh. Integrated software combines a data base, word processor, drawing tool, spreadsheet, and communications capabilities into a single product. Now, there are a number of excellent competing products on the market, including Symantec Corp.'s GreatWorks 2.0, Claris Corp.'s ClarisWorks, MacVonk USA's HandiWorks, and Beagle Brothers' BeagleWorks. For anyone considering the purchase of an integrated package it is important to consider how well it works with Apple's new System 7.0 operating system, and how well the relevant package modules actually meet user demands. Detailed is an overview of each product.

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OPERATING PLATFORM: Apple Macintosh
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... until you've achieved the look you want. You can lighten or darken an object, copy its attributes (fill pattern, colors, etc.) to another object, edit your paintbrush, zoom to 800 percent for...

...access to a bezier curve tool; 11 line patterns; 800 percent zoom; a tool to copy attributes ; smoothing, duplicating, sizing, and reshaping capabilities; snap-to-grid; draw-from-center; and then the...out, as well as from corner to corner. You can zoom to 800 percent, and copy pen and fill attributes onto other objects. The usual rearrangements of objects--rotations, flips, alignments, scaling, etc.--are available...
...records will look with the layout design you are working on. You may design 32 different layouts for a single database . One other interesting feature allows you to set a background picture behind the database layout...

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PowerBuilder 4.0 is a big improvement over 3.0, adding new multiplatform and OLE 2.0 support, ease-of-use features, and data migration capabilities to the application development package. But at the same time it is disappointing.

... operation. The source tables must be from the same database, but the source and target databases can be from different vendors.

The target table can be created or replaced, or rows can be inserted, appended...

...the number of errors to tolerate before aborting the operation. Finally, you specify whether to copy extended attributes from the source tables to the target table.

Once the parameters are defined, the actual...
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TEXT:

One of the fastest ways to increase your worth today as a client/server developer is to become proficient with PowerBuilder. PowerBuilder is one of the leading 4GL client/server front-end development systems for Microsoft Windows (with Macintosh and Unix Motif versions to be released this year). PowerBuilder provides exceptional productivity to the developer, while being powerful, object-oriented, extensible, and easy to use (considering its power). While it still doesn't meet all of my requirements for the ideal tool, I think it is a great product.

In December, Powersoft Corp. (now a Sybase company) released PowerBuilder 4.0. While this is a significant upgrade, it is not as dramatic a change as was the 3.0 release. In this review, I focus on the new features in version 4.0. (For a walk through the development process with PowerBuilder, see my article, "The PowerBuilder Primer," DBMS, October 1993, page 57.)

A PowerBuilder Overview

For those of you who are not yet familiar with PowerBuilder, here's a brief overview of the product. PowerBuilder is known mainly for its ease of use. You define most of your application by creating windows and controls with PowerBuilder's various "painter" utilities. The painter utilities include:

- * Application Painter -- defines the general details about each application.
- * Window Painter -- creates windows and window controls such as radio buttons.
- * Menu Painter -- creates menus for application windows.
- * DataWindow Painter -- creates a special type of control that is database intelligent and acts as the main tool for data interaction.
- * Structure Painter -- allows the creation and maintenance of data constructs.
- * Database Painter -- a tool for database access and administration.
- * SQL Painter -- lets you visually construct and edit SQL statements.
- * Function Painter -- used to write procedures in PowerBuilder's

PowerScript language.

- * Library Painter -- manages the libraries where the application components reside.

- * User Object Painter -- creates custom controls. This lets you create a control and then treat it as if it were another PowerBuilder control. Or, you can create classes (non-visual objects) that simply capture some behavior.

To build an application, you spend much of your time developing windows in the Window painter. With this tool, you can add graphical objects to windows and then add the PowerScript code to handle events and take actions. The controls consist of standard Microsoft Windows objects, such as radio buttons, pushbuttons, list boxes, edit fields, spin buttons, and pictures. PowerBuilder also provides a specialized data-handling control called a DataWindow, which lets you encapsulate your data access in a database, intelligent object. Using point-and-click controls, PowerBuilder generates the SQL statements needed for associating the objects with data items. Other controls include graphs and OLE 2.0 controls.

PowerScript is PowerBuilder's highlevel, object-oriented, event-driven programming language modeled after Basic. It provides more than 500 functions for database access, communications among objects, numeric and string processing, data conversion, and so on. The language contains the constructs for the conditional execution of code and looping, and provides variables with different scoping. You can attach PowerScript code to the PowerBuilder objects. All code execution is triggered by an event or by a message sent from another script.

New With Version 4.0

DataWindows are PowerBuilder's most powerful feature. Powersoft improved DataWindow performance in several areas, including simple sorts (of rows in the DataWindow). Another DataWindow enhancement reduces the amount of coding required to create more complex reports. The new composite and nested reports combine DataWindow objects into a single report. You can use nested reports to create master-detail reports easily. Figure 1 shows an example of a PowerBuilder 3.0 master-detail relationship created using two DataWindows (and some programming code). Coding is required to trigger retrieval of the corresponding data in the detail DataWindow.

Figure 2 (page 89) shows the same master-detail relationship implemented as nested DataWindows in version 4.0. This required only the definition of the link between the tables; coding was not necessary. One of the great features of nested DataWindows is that they print exactly as they display. Calling the Print function produces a printout that would require dozens (or even hundreds) of lines of code in version 3.0. This is a very useful feature.

Another new feature, sliding columns, lets you remove spaces between fields, such as between first name and last name, or remove blank lines such as the second address line in a mailing label. You can now make references to computed fields; thus, you can use the calculated value in other functions and in other objects. Version 4.0 has a new SELECT painter. This painter, which is used to create SQL SELECT statements graphically, uses a Windows tab-style interface. The main advantage of the tab interface is that it allows easier navigation to related information on a screen. Tabs will be widely used in Windows 95.

Performance Improvements

I hear more complaints about PowerBuilder's performance than any of its other problems (instability of the development environment is second). Fortunately, PowerBuilder 4.0 has improved performance in several areas, including window display speeds. Powersoft improved the speed of object instantiation, especially for objects that have complex inheritance

hierarchies. Generally, performance is better, especially on machines with more memory (12MB or more). The actual improvement is noticeable, but difficult to quantify. I cannot say, for example, that I see even a 30 percent improvement across the board, but users of the applications that I have moved to 4.0 have also noticed the improvement. Overall, however, I was disappointed with the improvements made in application performance. I was hoping for compiler technology similar to what Gupta added to SQLWindows 5.0. (See my review in DBMS, January 1995, page 36, for more details.) PowerBuilder is an interpreted language (using p-code), and your "compiled" applications require a runtime system to execute. There is no additional cost for the distribution of the runtime system.

To improve performance, you could (and probably should) implement the business logic and data processing as C or C++ code in a DLL. You could then call those functions directly from your PowerBuilder application. The Enterprise Edition of version 4.0 includes a C++ Class Builder. This is a version of the Watcom C++ compiler that lets you write C++ user objects that interface with PowerBuilder. The Class Builder does the tedious part of the work, creating the headers and building the interface to the DLL automatically. The Watcom system will build a project that encapsulates each user object. You may add existing C++ code to a new project if you wish.

Other New Features

Other new features of PowerBuilder 4.0 include numerous enhancements and several new painters. The Project Painter is a new utility that lets you create and maintain project objects. A project object contains all the information that is necessary to build an application (which includes .exe and .pbd files). This greatly simplifies the application development process. After you create a project definition, you can build or rebuild the executable without having to reenter any of the project information.

The process of creating a project is similar to creating an executable in version 3.0. To create a project, you first define the executable file name and set options that will have PowerBuilder prompt you before overwriting existing .exe or .pdb files during the build process. You can also choose to have the objects in the libraries regenerated before each file is built. You can specify whether each library should be a PBD (PowerBuilder Dynamic library), and you can select resource files that are needed by the libraries or the executable. All of this information is retained in the project and will be used to generate future builds automatically. Projects do not use the source-control system.

PowerBuilder 4.0 has a new database utility, the Data Pipeline, that lets you copy (or move) tables and data from one database to another (even across different DBMSs). Using the Data Pipeline, you can copy a database table from an Oracle database to a Watcom database, or you can copy data to a local database so that you can work on an application without having access to the network server. The Data Pipeline functionality is also available as PowerScript functions, so you can add the Data Pipeline functionality to your PowerBuilder applications.

The first step in using the Data Pipeline is to select the source and destination database profiles. The profiles give PowerBuilder the necessary information to connect to each data source. PowerBuilder then connects to the source database and lets you graphically create the SQL SELECT statement that will move the data from the source database to the destination database. In the next dialog, you specify a number of parameters that define details such as the destination table name, whether to create, replace, or append the destination table, set the frequency of commits, and whether to copy the extended attributes (metadata) to the destination database. At this point, you can save the Data Pipeline

definition and then execute it.

The new QuickApp function in PowerBuilder creates a multiple document interface (MDI) application template. Most large Windows applications, such as Word, Excel, and the PowerBuilder development environment, use the MDI style to manage multiple child windows within a base parent window. QuickApp speeds up the initial creation of an MDI application because it creates the set of components that make up most MDI applications, thereby eliminating the mechanical part of the initial process. You will probably use the template whenever you create a new MDI application (unless you already have created a prototype of your own). The template application contains the following objects:

- * w_genapp_frame -- the MDI frame (the main container window)
- * m_genapp_frame -- a menu for the MDI frame
- * w_genapp_sheet -- a MDI sheet (a child window)
- * m_genapp_sheet -- a menu for the MDI sheet
- * wgenapp_toolbars -- a window that lets the user position the application toolbars
- * w_genapp_about -- an "about" box that provides information about your application

The new template application provides only minimal functionality. The template provides only a frame, sheet, and a couple of menus. However, because all MDI applications use these objects, it is easier to modify the template to shape your own application than to start from scratch.

Powersoft made minimal changes to PowerBuilder's object hierarchy. Powersoft moved the TriggerEvent and PostEvent functions higher up in the PowerBuilder class hierarchy. Now, you can use these functions with all objects, including a window control array.

PowerBuilder allows the integration of other Windows programs, with good support for DDE, OLE, and DLLs. DDE allows communication between windows. One process establishes itself as a DDE server, which means that it will provide data and/or other services. Another process, the DDE client, establishes contact (a charmed with a DDE server, and the conversation takes place as a series of messages passed back and forth over the opened channel.

OLE is Microsoft's object technology that enables Windows' programs to work together. For example, OLE will let you launch Excel from within your PowerBuilder application to view or edit a spreadsheet. Data can also be moved to or from Excel to the application. The previous OLE support (in PowerBuilder 3.0) let you embed an object in a DataWindow as an OLE column. You could then manipulate the object using the server application. Version 4.0 adds an OLE 2.0 control to the Window Painter. To use this, you drop an OLE control into a window and then hook up the object to a server using PowerBuilder dialog boxes and PowerScript code. Using this technique, you can add OLE to a window directly, without requiring a DataWindow. For a comprehensive look at OLE 2.0, see Ken North's article on page 50.

Interface Improvements

In the new version, the PowerBuilder interface is much improved. Many dialogs now use tab controls, which make them easier to use. Figure 3 shows an example of one of the new tab dialogs. Unfortunately, PowerBuilder 4.0 does not provide a tab control for use in your PowerBuilder applications. Powersoft will add tab controls in the next release (after the release of Windows 95). You can purchase tab controls from third-party vendors, but unless you must have them now, I recommend that you wait for PowerBuilder's controls.

One of the most important improvements in version 4.0 is that you can now undo and redo the object sizing and alignment operations (when creating windows, user objects, and DataWindows). This is a very useful option --

It's easy to mess up a window by selecting the wrong operation or by selecting objects in the wrong order before applying the operation. For example, if you choose to align a set of objects in the wrong dimension (that is, vertically instead of horizontally), the objects will all end up in a pile instead of arranged across the window.

Powersoft removed DOS file systemspecific aspects from the interface in order to provide the same interface across multiple platforms. (Powersoft will deliver Mac and Unix versions of PowerBuilder later this year.) Powersoft broke a number of the larger dialogs into two smaller screens. This is slightly less convenient in some cases, but the trade-off is worthwhile. Powersoft applications written for Windows (using version 4.0) will be directly portable to the other supported platforms without any change. To create the executables, you will simply recompile. Because PowerBuilder is an interpreter, the application code can be read by the runtime system on any of the supported platforms.

PowerBuilder 4.0 has a new dialog in the PowerScript editor that lets you paste the current object's attributes and functions into your code. This eliminates several steps that would be required to find these attributes (or functions) using the more general Browse Objects dialog.

For example, suppose you are editing the code for a command button's Clicked event and you want to disable the button after it is clicked. To find the attribute associated with disabling the button (with the new 4.0 option), you now select Browse Object, click on A tribute, and select Enabled from the list to paste "enabled" into your script. In version 3.0, this would have taken several additional steps. You would enter the Object Browser and then select the window radio button. Next you would have doubleclicked on the current window to display the list of controls that it contains. In this list you would have selected the current command button and then clicked on another radio button to select the list of attributes for a command button. The new process streamlines the task.

User Objects

PowerBuilder has a special type of object, called a User Object, that lets you encapsulate code, variables, structures, and standard controls. You create User Objects for encapsulation and reusability. They are essentially packaged objects with well-defined interfaces. PowerBuilder 4.0 adds a new type of User Object, the standard class User Object. This is a nonvisual (it does not use window controls) User Object that is based on one of the PowerBuilder system objects. This lets you encapsulate and extend the system objects such as the Message or Error object easily. PowerBuilder 4.0 has also renamed the version 3.0 standard nonvisual object -- it is now called a custom class object.

Third-Party Interface

PowerBuilder 4.0 provides better integration with third-party tools. For example, PowerBuilder's interface to Intersolv Inc.'s (Rockville, Md.) PVCS (a source-code control system) works much better now. In version 3.0, I didn't consider PVCS to be usable. It was very slow and didn't manage the application at the PowerBuilder object level. Now I find it easy to use (from within PowerBuilder) and much faster. This is another key improvement; Intersolv deserves a share of the credit for this work.

Areas for Improvement

Despite its power, PowerBuilder 4.0 has some room for improvement. Most of all, I would like to see performance improvements (using compiler technology) and improvements in the stability of the development environment. Also high on my list would be expanded support for three-tier development and expanded object-oriented support.

In addition, Powersoft has had a few problems dealing with its expansion and growth. I hope that Powersoft's merger with Sybase will

influence Powersoft in a positive manner. For example, I hope that the Sybase development methodology filters over to the Powersoft development process. Sybase has a rigorous problem-tracking and code maintenance system that I believe will help the PowerBuilder developers. Sybase has announced that Powersoft will continue to be run as an independent organization.

To Powersoft's credit, it has made significant improvements in other areas. For example, the support for PowerBuilder has improved, and I have recently found that my calls to support were handled quickly and efficiently. There is an additional charge for all support beyond the initial free 30-day installation assistance. Powersoft also issues quarterly maintenance releases of PowerBuilder to provide bug fixes and other enhancements.

A Must for Developers

PowerBuilder version 4.0 is a powerful client/server application development system for Windows. I am currently using PowerBuilder in six different projects, and have found that it greatly reduces the effort required for handling database access and building GUIs (it also makes a great prototyping tool). As PowerBuilder becomes available on other platforms, it will become an even more attractive choice.

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PowerBuilder 4.0 is a big improvement over 3.0, adding new multiplatform and OLE 2.0 support, ease-of-use features, and data migration capabilities to the application development package. But at the same time it is disappointing.

Version 4.0 lays the foundation for multiplatform support, but so far it runs only on Windows and Windows NT. Its new support for OLE 2.0 is fraught with caveats. And while a number of minor enhancements make

PowerBuilder easier to use, Powersoft has not changed the fact that code must be written to do almost anything.

One unqualified enhancement, however, is the new pipelining feature, which lets you migrate data from one database into another. Other useful improvements include native database support for Sybase System 10, and improved drivers for Microsoft SQL Server, Informix, and Oracle7. ODBC drivers now support version 2.0 of the ODBC specification, and PowerBuilder Enterprise for Windows bundles the newest version of the Watcom SQL database (4.0), which adds stored procedures and triggers.

Although Powersoft promised that this version would be multiplatform, it will be a few more months before the Mac version is released, followed by Unix versions some months after that. To get ready for cross-platform applications, Powersoft has added several function calls that identify the processor and operating system on which an application is running.

The OLE 2.0 support, unfortunately, is spotty. A PowerBuilder application can be an OLE 2.0 container, but not a server. This means that a PowerBuilder application can link or embed objects, such as spreadsheets, graphs, or documents, from other applications, but it cannot display and edit objects, such as reports, within other applications. However, InfoMaker, Powersoft's new query and reporting tool, can be an OLE 2.0 server, so it can be used to embed PowerBuilder reports in other OLE applications.

OLE support in DataWindows is still limited to OLE 1.0. You can link to (but not embed) objects from other applications in a BLOB (Binary Large Object) column if your database supports BLOBs.

OLE controls placed on a window or in a user object do support OLE 2.0, which allows you to link or embed objects and edit either off-site or in-place. With in-place editing, the server application opens within PowerBuilder, and the menus for both applications are merged according to your specifications.

Using OLE automation—a 2.0 feature—you can send application-dependent commands to a server to invoke its functions.

The new pipelining feature is useful both during development and after your application is deployed. For application testing, you could download portions of a server database to a local Watcom database. For a remote user, the application could collect and store database updates locally, and later upload those updates to a server database when the user reconnects.

When you create the pipeline object, you specify one or more source tables, the target table, and the operation. The source tables must be from the same database, but the source and target databases can be from different vendors.

The target table can be created or replaced, or rows can be inserted, appended, or updated in an existing table. You also specify how often the new data should be committed to the target table (every *n* rows or only at the end of the download), and the number of errors to tolerate before aborting the operation. Finally, you specify whether to copy extended attributes from the source tables to the target table.

Once the parameters are defined, the actual pipelining can be performed interactively through the new Pipeline painter or programmatically.

You must supply a DataWindow control to the pipeline so that it can display any error rows along with an error message. When errors occur, the user can edit those rows in the DataWindow control, and the application can apply the updated rows to the target table. Using pipeline attributes, you can keep the user informed of the number of rows read, written, or in

error as the pipeline progresses.

PowerTips is one enhancement that makes PowerBuilder much easier to use. As you move the mouse over an icon on the PowerBar or PainterBars toolbars, the text of that icon automatically displays, so you can easily identify and select the correct icon for the function you want. In Version 3.0, if you displayed the text with the icons, the toolbar expanded right off the edge of the screen. The good news is that you can pass the PowerTips feature on to your users simply by specifying text for your toolbar icons.

Another useful feature that saves time is a conditional modify clause for a DataWindow column. Instead of coding dwModify() functions to change a column's attribute depending on its current value, you can now in the DataWindow painter define values to be assigned to the attribute depending on whether a condition is true or false.

The new version of PowerBuilder is supplied on CD-ROM, which includes three paper manuals.

You can order disks and a paper documentation set for \$220, but for that price you might as well buy a CD-ROM drive.

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